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A CANTON COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

HUNANESE QUIT.

Now Fallen Back On Base At Ichang.

PINGSHEK RETAKEN BY GOVT. TROOPS ON SUNDAY.

Danger to Canton of an invasion by the Hunanese hordes from Central China has been averted by a successful counter-offensive which drove the attackers out of Kwangtung territory. Pingshek, a border town in the north of Kwangtung, was retaken by the Cantonese on Sunday and the Hunanese, according to despatches from the front, have fallen back on their base at Ichang (not to be confused with the Yangtze port), a few miles inside the Hunan frontier.

ANTI-RED ACTIVITIES.

A feature which is encouraging for the Canton Government is that nearly all the local volunteers, some of whom had had to flee from Communists in that area before the latter had to make way for the regulars, materially assisted in the counter-attack.

It appears, however, that 5,000 Yunnanese mercenaries near the war zone, took little part in the hostilities, insisting on payment and supplies from Canton before they would throw in their weight. This question is now receiving urgent attention and the Canton Government has ordered a march by the frontier garrison into Hunan, to co-operate with the Nationalist forces operating southward against the Hunanese.

No Canton or Kwangsi unit from other districts has been ordered to reinforce the frontier garrison.

"Behind" the Hunanese.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Pei Chung-hsi (one of the big four of the Kwangsi military faction and a colleague of General Li Chai-sun of Canton) is planning to attack Hengchow, in Hunan (about 100 miles from the Kwangtung frontier) which is held by the Hunanese.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN.

No Relaxation by Canton Authorities.

Anti-Red activities have not been relaxed in Canton, further action having been taken on suspected premises and against the labour element. It is not expected that the Government campaign will be complete for some days to come.

More Seamen Arrested.

Pakkai, Yesterday. The local authorities (appointed by the Canton Government) have declared illegal the activities of the Chinese Seamen's Union, many members of which have been arrested and are now detained at Kongmoon city.—British Naval Wireless.

FUKIEN POSITION.

Nationalist Troops Arrive At Amoy.

Amoy, Feb. 1. Some 2,000 soldiers belonging to the 4th Independent Nationalist Division arrived here from Shanghai yesterday morning in two China Merchants' steamers. These troops are now proceeding to Changchow (in south Fukien). The whole of the troops of the 11th Army, now stationed in Changchow, are to enter Kwangtung shortly.

The remainder of the 4th Independent Division, 7,000 in number, will arrive here shortly. Acting on telegraphic summons from Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, General Lin, the local Garrison Commander, left for Foochow on January 30 to make a report to Admiral Yang on the conditions of Amoy.—Toho.

Marines Victory. Shanghai, Yesterday. Detachments of marines attached to the Nationalist Navy in Fukien province have defeated bodies of guerrillas, known as the "People's Army," in the south of Fukien province.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

A SPONGER.

Threats Against A Sister.

MAN SENT TO JAIL.

Lost His Tramway Job For "Mis-Collecting."

A wash amah employed at No. 30, Hill Road, West Point, charged her younger brother before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning with demanding \$10 from her by menace. In her evidence, the complainant said that she was formerly employed at No. 22, Pokfulam Road where the accused continuously pestered her for money, and when he refused to give him any he assaulted her. She had given him money on five occasions, amounting to \$10. Then, in order to get away from the accused, she left her job in Pokfulam Road and went to Hill Road.

The accused discovered her address and went to Hill Road and asked her for \$10. When she said that she had no money, he gave her three days in which to raise the \$10, and threatened to assault her if it were not forthcoming.

Report to S.C.A.

On January 31 she went to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and reported the matter to Inspector Andrew, who gave her certain instructions. The accused came again to see her on February 2. Before going down to see the accused she sent another servant to fetch the police, and also asked a Mr. Chan to note down the numbers of two \$1 notes which she intended to give the accused.

When she saw the accused, she handed him these two notes and two others. Then a detective came and arrested the accused, and the \$4 was found in his pocket.

Replying to the Magistrate, the complainant said that her brother was formerly employed by the Hong Kong Tramway Co., as a conductor but was dismissed because of "mis-collecting fare." Since then he had done no work and had put up with her.

General's Secretary.

Mr. Chan Heung-pak, who described himself as secretary to General Leung Wing-sing, deposed to accompanying the complainant to the S.C.A. to make a complaint against the accused, and to taking down the numbers of two \$1 notes which the complainant handed to him.

The accused said that he had fixed up a job at the Kowloon Godowns and borrowed the \$4 from his sister to buy provisions until he received his pay at the end of the month.

Hard Labour.

The Magistrate decided to convict and inquire if there was anything against him.

Inspector Andrew replied that there was nothing on the police against the accused, but he was a scoundrel to sponge on his hard working sister who was only earning \$15 per month. The accused had a good job as a conductor with the Tramway Co., and was dismissed for "squeezing."

In passing sentence of one month's hard labour, the Magistrate said that it was a very sad thing to see a man like the accused sponging on his sister and assaulting her when she had no money to give him.

"SMALL BONUS."

Union Waterboat Co.'s Meeting.

SEMI-DIESEL ENGINE.

Sales Not For Below 1924 Record.

A "small bonus" of 25 cents a share was approved today at the 23rd annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., held in the office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., the general managers.

Reference was made to the construction of a new boat with semi-diesel engine and to the fact that sales during 1927 were "not far below the record of 1924."

Mr. W. S. Bailey complimented the management on the successful working.

Mr. T. G. Weal (chairman) presided. He was supported by Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (member of the consulting committee) and Mr. D. E. de Sousa (secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. W. E. Van Eps, E. Ezra, W. S. Bailey, L. S. Greenhill, J. M. Alves, O. F. Ribeiro, F. Syme, Thomson, L. G. S. Dodwell, A. D. Humphreys and C. Mose.

Chairman's Address.

The convening of the meeting was read by the secretary after which the report and accounts were taken as read. The chairman then read his address as follows:—

Profit on working for the year at \$54,640.06 is approximately the same as the previous year but after allowing for depreciation

COLD AND OVERCAST.

North-east winds, fresh, overcast, cold, some drizzle or mist, is the official weather forecast, until noon to-morrow.

The depression has deepened and moved to the N.E. of Japan. A strong anticyclone is central to the north of the lower Yangtze valley. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the China Sea.

tion on the fleet to the extent of \$7,000 there remains a balance at Profit and Loss Account of \$56,864.61, which, with the balance from previous account, leaves the sum of \$63,503.24 for appropriation.

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We have recommended adding a further \$5,000 to Insurance Fund, bringing this up to \$70,000.

Value and Maintenance. You will see that the value of your fleet has been reduced by \$18,600, being the proceeds of the sale of one old boat, which figure is well in excess of book value. On this occasion seeing that the older boats of the fleet stand at figures approximately their values for breaking up purposes, it has not been necessary to allow so heavily for depreciation, but to offset the maintenance costs are far higher and for this purpose it is proposed to allocate \$10,000 to meet cost of special overhauls during the coming year.

New Boat an Experiment. To replace the old boat that has been sold, a new boat is already on the stocks and should be in commission about middle of the year. In this instance, we have decided to install a semi-diesel internal combustion engine consuming heavy oil fuel manufactured by the well-known makers, Messrs. Norris, Bennett & Partners. While this new departure may be looked upon in the light of an experiment, a large number of these engines are already giving entire satisfaction in sole charge of Chinese engineers especially under very try-

AMAH'S WAGES.

European Mistress To Pay \$39 & Costs.

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Lady Advised To Save Trouble And Pay Amount Ordered.

An amah succeeded in a claim against her European mistress at the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

The mistress, Mrs. Castellian, of 2, Queen's Road, Central, was ordered to pay \$39 and costs, the amount claimed.

The amount was made up of work done from November 1, 1927, to January 13, 1928, at the rate of \$1 a day for sewing.

Whist plaintiff was giving her evidence, defendant asked her if she had not agreed to pay for breakages.—Plaintiff denied this. Giving evidence, the defendant said she did not deny that the amah worked for 39 days.

Asked why she objected to paying the amount claimed Mrs. Castellian said that five knives had disappeared and the amah had broken a vase which rested on a pedestal in front of a door through which the amah was forbidden to go.

In answer to further questions defendant said that she shared the amah with another lady at first, but later employed her herself.

His Lordship said he must give judgment against Mrs. Castellian for the amount claimed and costs. Defendant objected to paying the extra fees, whereupon His Lordship said she had better save trouble and pay the amount awarded to the amah into Court.

Mrs. Castellian.—Will you please tell her not to come into my house again.

His Lordship: Yes, if you will pay the amount into Court.

Mrs. Castellian.—I shall be glad to get rid of her. She has been a tyrant in the household. Parties then left the Court.

DUE ON FRIDAY.

"EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA" WORLD CRUISE.

SHORE ARRANGEMENTS.

The C.P.R. "Empress of Australia," well-known in Hong Kong when it was on the Pacific run, arrives here from the South in the course of a round-the-world cruise on Friday, being due at 8 a.m.

The "Empress of Australia" will leave on Monday at 10 p.m.

The C.P.R. have issued a printed programme giving details of shore arrangements for the entertainment and sight-seeing of the members of this cruise. They will be divided into two parties, one being taken on the afternoon of the 10th for a motor ride round the island, with tea at Repulse Bay Hotel and dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel. There will be a dance at Repulse Bay Hotel on that evening. On the second day there is an optional trip to Canton and on the third day a trip round the New Territories.

On Monday, February 13, the tourists will go up the Peak and in the evening the "Empress" will sail for Shanghai.

The programme for the second party is on similar lines, though on different days.

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THE NEW ALLIANCE SIGNED.

Paris, Yesterday. The papers recall that the bonds of friendship and sympathy between France and the United States which were tied 150 years ago will to-day, by the signing of the Franco-American alliance treaty, be strengthened.—Havas.

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\$9,000 CLAIM.

Mr. Shank & Architect's Fees.

KOWLOON HOUSES CASE.

Counsel Alleges That Interview Is Mythical.

Concluding evidence for plaintiff was heard this morning and the case for the defendant opened in the Supreme Court today in which Mr. E. D. Shank claimed \$9,761 in respect of architectural services from Louie Leung, of 9 Connaught Road. The fees are in respect of houses defendant proposed to erect in Kowloon.

The final witness for the plaintiff was a former employee of plaintiff's who stated he had acted as interpreter at an interview between the parties early in 1925. At the time he was employed by plaintiff his name was Edwards. He was now known as Mr. Woodrough.

At this interview, stated witness, defendant was told that the plans were prepared and defendant replied that he wished some alterations to be made. Mr. Shank agreed to the alterations and defendant stated that he would return again in a fortnight's time. It was also agreed at the interview that there would be some reduction in Mr. Shank's charges as architect.

Studied For Law.

Witness was cross-examined at some length as to his reason for leaving Mr. Shank's employ and as to his subsequent career. In reply, witness stated that there were various reasons why he left. He had subsequently been connected with Mr. Hancock on salary and commission and on leaving after a few months he had studied at his home.

Witness stated that at one time he studied for the law. On being pressed by counsel as to the names of books studied, witness stated he could not remember.

Witness also stated that he was studying and collecting articles on peace and war and on the occasion of a visit to America in March of last year he continued his collection of such articles.

Asked as to his means of support during the period of his unemployment, witness stated that he had his own resources and his mother helped him.

Witness stated that the first time he had been asked to give evidence in regard to the case was this morning on his arrival from Canton.

Witness denied that he had acceded to suggestions put to him at the plaintiff's office with regard to the interview deposed to and stated that he merely stated what he knew as he had now stated in Court.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that the interview to which you have deposed did not take place.

Witness: But it did.

Mr. Jenkin: And that your evidence is the result of suggestions made to you this morning.

Witness: That is not so.

Mr. Jenkin: And that you will accede to those suggestions.

"No Case" Submission.

This witness's evidence concluding the case for the plaintiff, Mr. Jenkin submitted that he had no case to answer. Mr. E. D. Shank, the plaintiff, had admitted quite clearly that unless the sketch plans were approved he would have no warrant or authority to do the work for which he had claimed. He had not been able to adduce written approval of the sketch plans because they were unfortunately lost. He had not proved verbal approval because he had not called Mr. Lam, formerly in the employ of the plaintiff, who was supposed to have acted as interpreter between the parties as to the sketch plans. Mr. Lam was in the Colony.

His Lordship: But there is the evidence as to the interview of March, 1925, as to the working plans certainly having been approved. Ordinarily, it is possible, the sketch plans, according to the evidence, should have been signed. But in the interview of March, 1925, the matter was discussed again and the working plans were shown to the defendant, when he promised to come back and deal with certain matters. In these circumstances I do not see that I can say there is no case.

Mr. Jenkin then opened the case for the defendant. Defendant, he

THE "PRAGA."

Cargo Of Arms At Chinwangtao.

SHIPPED TO MUKDEN.

Erroneous Report Of Battle With Nationalists.

Peking, Feb. 1. The steamer "Praga," carrying a full cargo of rifles for Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian warlord, arrived to-day at Chinwangtao. The arms were immediately transported in the direction of Mukden.

Reports recently published by Chinese newspapers that the "Praga" had arrived at Tsingtao after a battle with a Nationalist gunboat were erroneous.—Associated Press.

stated, admitted that the sketch plans were submitted to him and brought to him by Lum, who on the plaintiff's behalf. Lum, who was at that time in plaintiff's employ, had been a friend of Mr. Leung's for some years. In fact, it was he who first introduced defendant to the plaintiff.

Staircase Alteration. Defendant had some very important alterations to make to the plans relating to the staircases. Instead of a single staircase to each house there was to be one for each two houses. The section plans were sent back for the purpose of the alteration and it was defendant's case that from that time the plans had not been submitted again to him.

When the working plans were brought to him some couple of months later by Lum he immediately rejected them and refused to have anything to do with them as he had not approved of the section plan. He was told that sketch plans were being prepared but inasmuch as he had called for them and they had not been produced he had nothing to do with it.

Counsel then went on to refer to certain letters between the parties relating to negotiations with the Public Works Department and stated that defendant denied having received certain letters.

When the account was sent to defendant by the plaintiff, the defendant paid the amount (\$600) relating to the conversion of the Lots from agricultural Lots but refused to pay that referring to drawings, etc.

A "Serious Issue." Defendant denied absolutely the interview at which it was alleged there was discussion as to reduction of fees. Counsel opined that his denial would find support in the fact that the interview was alleged to have taken place after the document relating to the two per cent commission had been rendered. It was clear that if this document had been based on any request of the defendant it must have been in connection with an interview which took place before it.

His Lordship commented with regard to counsel's submission that the interview deposed to had not taken place. Counsel had raised a serious issue having regard to the fact that Mr. Foster Turner and Mr. C. B. Shank had spoken definitely as to that interview. They had given the details of it and there could be no doubt about it, one way or the other.

Counsel stated he fully realised this. Evidence was then called for the defence.

The case is proceeding.

A Missing File.

In the course of yesterday afternoon's hearing, witnesses for the plaintiff were cross-examined as to the loss of certain files in which it was believed that certain correspondence and, possibly, the sketch plans were contained. Counsel enquired how it was that if the correspondence file had been lost, certain letters had been put in for the plaintiffs purporting to be correspondence between the parties.

It was suggested by witnesses for the plaintiff that certain letters had been recovered.

With regard to the alleged conversation at plaintiff's office on March 25 when defendant was stated to have changed his mind regarding the form of the houses to be erected and suggested new plans, Mr. Foster Turner, a witness for plaintiff, stated that a Mr. Edwards acted as interpreter. He believed that Mr. Edwards had been subpoenaed but witness had not seen him in Court.

Mr. Alabaster explained that Mr. Edwards was in all probability arriving in the Colony that night from Canton.

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7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for
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of the General Managers together
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
WEDNESDAY, 1st February to
FRIDAY, 10th February (both
days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of Shares can
be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 25th January, 1928.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTIETH ORDIN-
ARY ANNUAL MEETING of
this Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-
son & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY,
the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30
p.m., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December, 1927, and if thought fit
to sanction the payment to the
Directors of the yearly sum of
\$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in
addition to the yearly sum of
\$1,000.00 payable to them under
paragraph 96 of the Company's
Articles of Association as from the
1st January, 1928. The purpose
of this is to make effective the
following resolution passed at the
Annual Meeting of the Company
held on 28th January, 1927:—"That
the Directors' remuneration be in-
creased from \$1,000.00 per annum
to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 6th February,
1928 to THURSDAY, the 16th
February, 1928, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Corporation will
be held at City Hall, Hong Kong,
on SATURDAY, the 25th February,
1928, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 13th February
to SATURDAY, the 25th February,
1928 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY GENERAL MEETING of Hong
Kong Tramways, Limited, will be
held at the offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th
day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock
noon to transact the ordinary busi-
ness of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER
OF MEMBERS of the Company
will be CLOSED from MONDAY,
13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRU-
ARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th February, 1928.

IT PAYS!

NEWSPAPER COLUMNS FOR ADVERTISERS.

BIGGER TURNOVER.

"Newspaper advertising will be
greater in volume than ever in
1928," said Sir Charles Higham, in
an address at the Chelsea Chamber
of Commerce.

"Retailers are buying more space
than ever in the advertising
columns of the newspapers, many
of them realising for the first time
that this is the cheapest method of
profitably increasing turnover."

"The Government has found
Press advertising very profitable
also. During the last three years
that they have advertised the British
Industries Fair, it has grown
fast—in fact, this year's Fair is
nearly twice the size of the Fair
four years ago."

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than it does to-day. I have broken
all records for results from the
Press in 1927. Use the Press, there
is no medium so good to get
results."

WAR RELICS.

CORPORATION'S ATTITUDE.

London, Jan. 7.
Regarding them as useless and
repulsive, a committee of the Man-
chester Corporation decided to re-
move all war relics from the parks
and to sell them as scrap metal.

A FAMILY SQUABBLE.

Two Chinese women who were
stated by Inspector Macdonald to be
members of the same family living
in the same house at Wongchienlong
village, were charged before Mr. R.
E. Lindsell at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday morning with disor-
derly conduct by fighting on Satur-
day.

In view of the fact that the two
women had been in custody since
Saturday, the Magistrate did not
fine them, but however, they or-
dered them to sign bonds of \$50
each to keep the peace for six
months.

SEAMAN ABSENT.

The Captain of the U.S.S.
"Ashville" at present in dock at
Taikoo, has reported to the police
that a seaman of the ship named
Luther James Gow (29), a native of
St. Louis, California, has been
absent from the ship since 9 p.m.

on Saturday.

Marine H. L. Stephens of the
same ship, in a report to the police
of the loss of a Kodak camera worth
\$40 which was stolen from his
quarter on the ship, said that he
suspected that the missing man Gow
had taken it.

BANISHEE RETURNS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the
Central Magistracy yesterday morn-
ing, a Chinese was charged with
returning from banishment after
being sent away for ten years in
1922.

He pleaded "guilty" and was sen-
tenced to 12 months' jail and 20
strokes of the birch.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGE- TABLES will be held at VOLUN- TEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES will CLOSE at 1 p.m.
on MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

Schedules may be obtained on ap-
plication from the Secretaries, c/o
Bradley & Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1928.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

MESSRS. LEE'S of 10 Queen's
Road C, beg to announce
that they have from this date
severed all connection with the
HONG KONG OBSERVER.

Hong Kong, Feb. 6th, 1928.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE UNDERSIGNED having
been placed on the list of
Authorised Architects on his re-
cent return to the Colony, has
started a Practice and has opened
an office, for the present, in the
China Building (6th floor), Queen's
Road Central, Hong Kong.

J. S. GIBSON,
Architect & Surveyor.

Hong Kong, Feb. 4, 1928.

NAVY LEAGUE.

(Hong Kong Branch.)

THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Navy
League will be held on WEDNES-
DAY, 8th February, at 5.30 p.m. in
the Board-room of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind per-
mission).

All members are cordially invit-
ed to attend.

L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 6, 1928.

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TAIYO MARU Tuesday, 20th March.
*Calls Keelung.

LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.
KAMO MARU Saturday, 11th February.
KATORI MARU Saturday, 25th February.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TAMBA MARU Saturday, 11th February.
TASMANIA MARU Friday, 17th February.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Thursday, 15th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th February.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 9th February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
DELAGO MARU (Calls Saigon) Thursday, 9th February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 12th February.

MORIOKA MARU Monday, 20th February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Friday, 17th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKITA Maru (Moll direct) Sunday, 12th February.

NAGANO MARU (Moll direct) Saturday, 18th February.
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SPHINX 18th Mar.
PAUL LECAT 10th Apr.

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SECTION.

COASTAL CHANGES.

MOVEMENTS IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer, "Tatung," is on reserve.

Mr. A. F. Macgillivray, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Tatung."

Mr. F. Appleton has been appointed supply third engineer, "Poyang."

Mr. R. Carruthers, from reserve, has gone supply second engineer, "Taming."

Mr. E. J. Eason, second engineer, "Taming," is on reserve.

Mr. J. A. Craig, supply chief engineer, "Kwangtung," has gone chief engineer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Chusan."

Mr. R. D. Thompson, chief engineer, "Chusan," is on reserve.

Mr. M. W. McNeill, from Home leave, has gone supply chief engineer, "Chusan."

Mr. D. C. Sinclair, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Shengking."

Mr. F. K. McIntyre, from Home leave, has gone supply, chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. P. H. Todd, second engineer, "Wanliu," has gone second engineer, "Szechuen."

Mr. D. Ruxton, third engineer, "Talkoo Wan Yi," is on reserve.

Mr. H. McDonald, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Ngankin."

Mr. R. D. Gall, from Home leave, has gone acting second engineer, "Klungchow."

Mr. J. Baxter, chief engineer, C. N. Co., from Home leave, is on reserve.

Mr. A. M. McGregor, supply chief engineer, "Shengking," has gone supply chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. C. L. Tilburn, second engineer, "Wenchow," has resigned.

Mr. J. Said, supply second engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second engineer, "Wenchow."

Mr. B. G. Edwards, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, "Poyang."

Mr. A. C. Lemerleier, second engineer, "Poyang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. C. Buxton, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Shengking."

"Shengking."

Mr. T. L. Mitchell, from Home leave, has gone third engineer, "Shengking."

Mr. C. S. Murray, second engineer, "Shengking," has gone second engineer, "Poyang."

Captain N. Cook, of the "Tuckwo," is on reserve. Captain C. Campbell from Home leave has gone master, "Tuckwo."

Mr. G. Hunter, second officer, "Yusang," has gone second officer, "Kwaisang."

Mr. R. W. Draney has been appointed supply second officer, "Loongwo."

Mr. J. Colquhoun, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Luenho."

Mr. G. Stafeichuk, third engineer, "Luenho," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Fry, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Mingang."

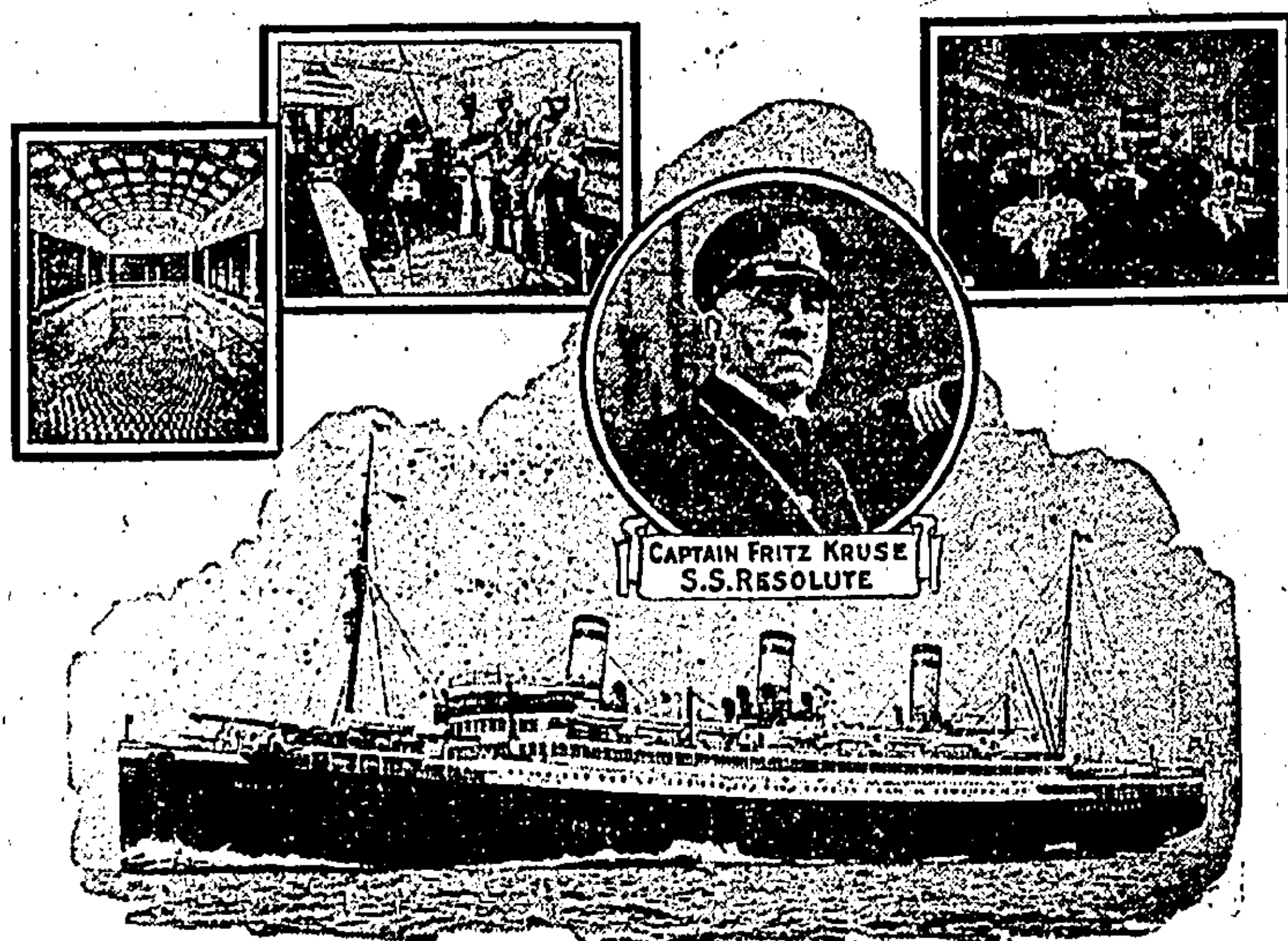
Mr. J. Macdonald, second engineer, "Mingang," is on reserve.

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Lee-sang."

"Shipping & Engineering."

The master of the "Tanda Maru" reports to the Harbour Office that while on a trip from Melbourne to Hong Kong, a Chinese male passenger died from heart failure on January 21. The master of the s.s. "Seistan" reports to the Harbour Office that a Chinese male died of berri-berri on December 2 while on a trip to Hong Kong.

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AMAZON MARU Tuesday, 6th March.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 10th February.

HAWAII MARU Saturday, 24th March.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SHINGO MARU Thursday, 9th February.

SHINNOH MARU (Calls on Penang) Sunday, 19th February.

CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi) Monday, 5th March.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 7th February.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

MENADO MARU Tuesday, 14th February, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

JAPAN PORTS

ALASKA MARU Saturday, 11th February.

BATAVIA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.

KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 12th Feb. 11 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU Wednesday, 16th Feb. 10 a.m.

KARO MARU Sunday, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.

DELI MARU Thursday, 9th Feb. 10 a.m.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

To-day, the arrivals of vessels, recorded at the Harbour Office are as follows:—10 British vessels; 5 Japanese vessels; 1 American vessel; 3 Chinese and 2 Dutch vessels.

The cargo imported to Hong Kong by the above ships, altogether total 30,612 tons most of which is general cargo. The through Hong Kong cargo tonnage amounts to 16,600 tons. Of these above figures the highest imported cargo for Hong Kong is per s.s. "Tongco," from Saigon—Wo. Fat Hing S.S. Co.—2,500 rice; and the through cargo, the distinction goes to N.Y.K. S.S. Co., by Kashima Maru from Middlesbrough, Singapore—7,205 tons general (through).

The passengers list for to-day is as follows:—1,927 Asiatic deck passengers; 165 Asiatic cabin passengers; 170 European passengers. Total 2,262.

Departures

To-day's departures total 16, in which are:—4 vessels for Canton;

2 for Shanghai; 2 for Swatow; 1 for Bangkok; 1 for Moji; 1 for C. W. Tao; 1 for K. C. Wan; 1 for Maeno; 1 for Samarinda; 1 for Manila, 1 for Amoy.

Clearances

Vessels cleared total 5, in which are:—1 vessel for Singapore, 1 for Shanghai, 2 for Swatow, 1 for Canton.

Shipping Abstract

Arrivals Departures Port

British 10 8 30

Japanese 6 2 6

Norwegian 1 2 0

Chinese 8 2 15

Dutch 2 0 5

French 1 1 1

German 1 0 1

American 1 1 1

Panama 0 0 1

Danish 0 0 1

Portuguese 0 0 2

24 16 72

The General Manager in the Orient of the Dollar Steamship Line and the American Mail Line, Mr. O. G. Steen, arrived in Hong Kong from Manila yesterday by the "President Madison" and leaves for Shanghai by the "President Pierce" on Feb. 14.

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NELLORE	6,353	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	6,353	2nd Mar.	Straits & Bombay
MACDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,090	17th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KARMA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	10,040	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALPA	10,040	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,128	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	10,040	28th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALPA	9,128	5th May	Marseilles & London
KALPA	10,040	12th May	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,128	19th May	Marseilles & London
KALPA	10,040	26th May	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,128	2nd Jun.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALPA	10,040	9th Jun.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,128	16th Jun.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	10,040	23rd Jun.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALPA	9,128	30th Jun.	Marseilles & London
KALPA	10,040	7th July	Marseilles & London
KALPA	9,128	14th July	Marseilles & London

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Mar.	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,000	27th Apr.	

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KARMA	9,128	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KALPA	9,128	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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given before 1st February.

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Agent.

Hong Kong, Jan. 31, 1928.

PIRACY ECHO.

THE "SAN NAM HOI" VICTIMS.

INQUEST OPENS.

Major C. Willson and a Coroner's jury yesterday afternoon resumed the inquiry into the circumstances attending the deaths of Mr. Hugh Conway, former Chief Officer of the s.s. "San Nam Hoi" and two Indian Guards of the ship who were killed as the result of an attack on the ship by pirates in the West River delta.

After Mr. M. F. Houghton the ship's Chief Engineer, had completed his evidence, an interesting account of the events prior to the piracy was given by Mr. Yue Fai-ting, the comrade of the "San Nam Hoi." He said he was warned on the day before the attack that an attempt would be made to pirate the boat by a former crew who had been dismissed at Kowloon. Witness accordingly warned the Captain and they took extra precautions by locking the engine room and grilles.

Asked for the source of his information, witness stated that he would prefer to answer the Coroner in Chambers, if an answer was required.

When the piracy broke out the witness hid in the cargo hold and remained there until the pirates came out of his hiding place, he found Mr. Conway was dead, huddled up over the deck chaf.

Replying to the jury, the witness said that the former ship's crew were not discharged. They went on strike and were replaced. The inquiry was again adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Hong Kong passengers arrived on the s.s. "Tanda" from Australia via Samalanga and Manila were:—

Prof. K. W. and Mrs. Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. H. Louey Pang, Miss V. F. Harvey, Miss V. C. Marmet, Col. W. J. McMillan, Mr. W. Y. Gee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemmis, Rev. Schuele, Mr. A. S. McNair, Messrs. K. Kwongchi, Y. Kaneko, Mr. and Mrs. L. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Matthews, Sister M. St. Floride, Sister M. St. Theresa, Messrs. L. Rutzovitch, Chin Loon, Sum Loong-oon, W. Joe, Lee Sun, Low Lei-hing, Lee Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Chin Ting, Messrs. Mee Sing, C. Bingham, A. Leong, Cheung Sing, and Lee Chi.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers who joined the P. & S. s.s. "Malva" at Hong Kong on February 4, sailed for London via Singapore and ports were:—

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Anselow, Master F. J. Anselow, Miss W. Anselow, Mr. and Mrs. B. Balloch, Lt. Comdr. L. B. Bishop, R.N., Messrs. A. S. Blackhouse, G. H. Bridges, Lt. W. G. Brittain, R.N., Mrs. E. C. Woods, Miss M. C. Woods, Master D. C. Woods, Miss G. Chettle, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. P. Chevalier, Miss P. A. Chevalier, Mr. W. D. Clewer, Mr. F. J. Cole, Mrs. L. Cooper, Miss E. M. Fielding, Lt. Comdr. D. Gavey, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. F. Gregory, Messrs. G. C. Howe, Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Lt. D. C. Ingram, R.N., Lt. R. McP. Jones, R.N., Rev. P. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lim, Lt. F. D. Lipscombe, R.N., Lt. P. T. A. Love, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lyne, Master A. E. Lyne, Messrs. M. McTernan, P. R. Milne, Mrs. A. Murdoch, Master A. E. Murdoch, Lt. L. L. B. Myers, R.N., Lt. R. J. O'Donnell, R.N., Messrs. E. Olsen, O. Olsen, H. Paulsen, Miss M. V. B. Paton, Messrs. H. H. Pegg, J. W. Pilcher, Mrs. P. Rees, Miss D. P. Rees, Mr. F. L. Robbins, Mrs. C. de Rome, Miss E. Rome, Messrs. H. A. Sattle, J. T. Shand, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart, Master J. Stewart, Mr. G. A. Stimson, Mrs. R. W. Stoddart, Messrs. M. C. G. Taylor, C. Thomassen, Surg. Lt. Comdr. D. W. Tighe, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. J. Turbyme, Miss J. Turbyme, Lt. C. S. B. Turnbull, R.N., Lt. R. D. Watkins, R.N., Messrs. W. E. Webber, A. C. Wertheim, W. J. Wilton, and S. K. Wong.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W Cruise, arrived at Singapore on February 2 at 8 a.m., left Singapore on Friday at 7 a.m. and was due at Manila to-day at 7 a.m.

The B. I. & Apcar Line s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on February 3, and is due here on February 9.

The American Mail liner "President Madison" arrived from Manila yesterday at 8 a.m., and sails for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

SHIP ON FIRE.

COTTON FROM NINGPO TO SHANGHAI.

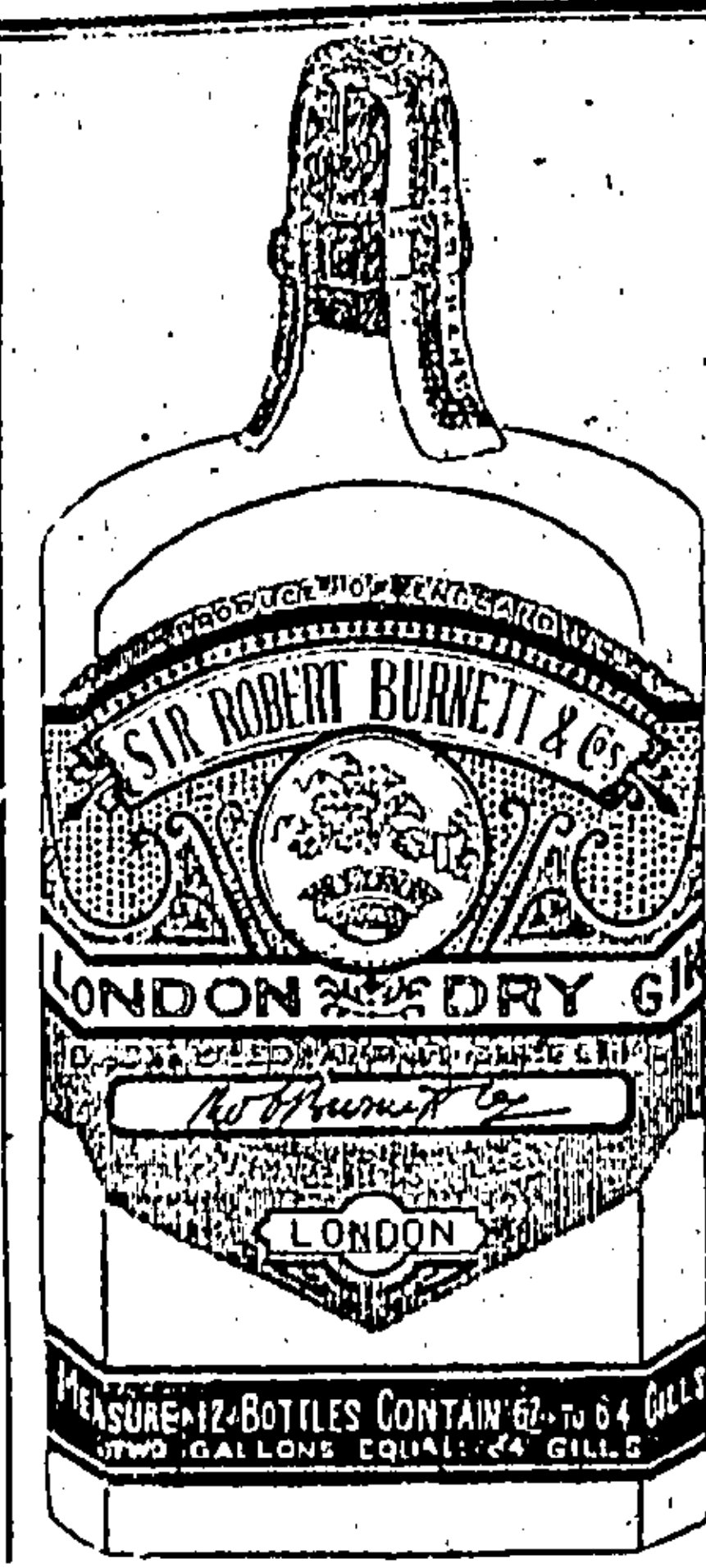
SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

A fire occurred in the after hold of the str. "Hain Ningshao," whose owners are the Ningpo-Shaoxing Steamship Co., on the night of Jan. 31 whilst the vessel was on a voyage to Shanghai from Ningpo.

The first indication of anything wrong occurred at 7.55 p.m. when smoke was observed emerging from the after hold. The captain and officers were informed and the hold was made airtight by tarpaulins and steam was injected.

Critical Situation. The situation was particularly critical inasmuch as the ship carried 1,500 passengers and the outcome of a serious fire on board could better be imagined than described. However, nothing serious happened and the vessel anchored at Wusung at 4.40 a.m. on Feb. 1.

Messages were sent to the Harbour Master and the vessel proceeded up river and moored at 7.05 a.m. at the Ningpo-Shaoxing wharf situated next to the China Merchants wharf at the junction



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ONE GRUMBLE REMOVED.

Used as we are to the free if
not always easy ways of the East,
our residents who during the past
decade have spent their leave at
Home have always returned with
two grumbles on the tips of their
tongues. The first has been
directed against the beastliness of
the weather, and the second has
been directed against that amazing
(sic) law which does not permit
a loyal and law-abiding citizen
to purchase a packet of cigar-
ettes after eight o'clock in the
evening. The first-named grum-
ble, we fear, is doomed to remain;
the second, we are gratified to see,
is about to have the sting drawn
from it. For in certain circum-
stances it has been decreed that
the public may obtain tobacco in
its various shapes and forms long
after the hour of eight. Wide-
spread agitation, prompted by the
private consumer and continued
by Members of Parliament and
others with more or less influence,
has resulted in an alteration of
the Early Closing Acts of 1920
and 1921 which embody what are
popularly known as the "Dora"
regulations of war-time origin.

With the finding of the Home
Office Departmental Committee
which was appointed under the
chairmanship of Sir William
Mackenzie to consider the matter
little fault, in the main, can be
found. The Committee propose
an important modification in the
existing regulations, as broadly
indicated above. More precisely,
permission will be granted to sell
confectionery and tobacco in
theatres and cinemas during the
performance, and a similar con-
cession is proposed in the case of

licensed premises, which will be
able to sell tobacco throughout
the hours of opening. A further
relaxation in the regulations is
recommended in the case of holi-
day resorts, where it is proposed
that the local authorities should
be empowered to fix a later closing
hour during four months of
the year. In this connection it
is seen that the second grumble
of the Far Easterner is made to
connect with the first, for here we
have an official presumption that
an English summer may last four
whole months!

It is admitted by the Com-
mittee, in its finding, that many
of the restrictions have served
their purpose and may therefore
be discontinued, an admission
which comes rather late in the
day but one which is, neverthe-
less, welcome. There is much to
be said in favour of the view, the
Committee opines, that the gen-
eral compulsory closing hours for
shops having been introduced as a
war-time measure, to economise
in the consumption of coal, light-
ing and luxury foods, should now
be allowed to lapse, and that if it
is necessary to restrict the hours
of employment of shop assistants
this is a matter which should be
the subject of particular legisla-
tion. This view, however, is one
upon which the Committee could
not see its way to act. The ex-
perience of the last ten years, it
is thought, shows that a general
closing hour, such as eight p.m.,
has been of great benefit for shop
keepers and shop assistants. The
Committee is satisfied that some
restrictions are necessary to pre-
vent a return to former condi-
tions, and is further satisfied
that it would be very difficult, if
not impossible, to secure these re-
strictions by voluntary agree-
ment. And there, it seems, the
matter at least for the present,
must rest.

TRAFFIC CASES.

Before Major C. Willson at
"traffic time" at the Central Magis-
trate's Court this morning, the Chinese
driver of private motor car No.
2021 was fined \$5 for failing to
report an accident on January 19.
When a summons against Mr.
Bortels, owner of motor car No.
702 was called, Mr. M. R. Beltrac
appeared in behalf of the defend-
ant and admitted charges of driv-
ing the car down Ice House Street
and failing to produce a driver's
licence. The Magistrate imposed
fines of \$5 on each charge.

Among the Hong Kong passen-
gers arrived by the "President
Pierce" from Seattle, Japan and
Shanghai were Mrs. M. Alarika,
Mr. Chen Shou-jen, Dr. and Mrs.
James T. Cheng, Dr. Shao Hwa-
tan and Mr. Leonard Yates.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

MR. T. W. DOYLE AND MISS
A. H. BRENNAN.

ST. JOSEPH'S CEREMONY.

A very pretty wedding took place
at St. Joseph's Church to-day
when Miss Alyce Hart Brennan,
only daughter of the late Mr. M. P.
Brennan and Mrs. Brennan of Hong
Kong, was married to Mr. Thomas
Wilfred Doyle, of the Hong Kong
and Shanghai Bank, son of Mr. and
Mrs. T. Doyle of Melbourne, Aus-
tralia.

The bride was dressed in a char-
ming bouffant frock of white tulle
and wore a long French veil with
orange blossom. Her bouquet was
of white rose buds.

She was attended by Miss Robin
Cotton wearing a frock of pale green
repe de chine and silver lace and a
picture hat.

The bride's mother wore a grace-
ful frock of silver grey georgette and
wore a picture hat to match.

She carried a bouquet of pink roses.
The bride was given away by her
brother, Mr. A. F. Brennan. The
best man was Mr. A. J. Evans, of
H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, Canton.

The beauty of the simple cere-
mony conducted by His Lordship
Monsignor Valtorta in the prettily
decorated church was enhanced by
the Rev. Father Ilganti's delightful
rendering of the nuptial music and
he singing of Mrs. Sanger, who was
accompanied by Mr. Braga as violin-
ist.

After the service the bridal
party returned to the Repulse Bay
Hotel.

The bride's going away costume
was an ensemble in pale tawn and
rose. The dress was of rose geor-
gette and lace over which she wore
a tawn coat trimmed with French
embroidery.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle subsequently
left for Fanning where they will
spend a few days prior to their de-
parture for Shanghai.

MENACING A WIDOW.

FOUR YEARS FOR
BLACKMAILER.

Evidence of the blackmailing by a
young man of a widow whom he had
met in India was given at the Old
Bailey when Hubert White Barrett
pleaded guilty to uttering a letter de-
manding £500 with menaces from
Mrs. Jessie Taylor.

Mr. J. A. C. Keeves, prosecuting,
stated that in 1925 Mrs. Taylor was
living in India when she made the
acquaintance of Barrett, and a
friendship sprang up between them.
In 1926 he wrote to her saying he
was returning to England, and she
invited him to stay at her house in
Scotland. In January this year she
advanced him £300, and in August
he again stayed at her house. From
that time he repeatedly asked her
for money, and she gave him an-
other £170 at various times. On
October 28 he wrote the blackmail-
ing letter, in which he said:—

"What I am about to write will be
a terrible shock, but everything will
be all right if you carry out my
instruction. I must have £500, and
to get this I have turned criminal."
He went on to say, said counsel,
that he had written a number of let-
ters to her relatives and friends,
making reflections on her charac-
ter, and that these would be post-
ed, if the money did not arrive by
a certain date. He added in the let-
ter that he wanted the money to
go to Australia, and that he would
repay her.

Mrs. Taylor, giving evidence, said
she was taken ill while on her Indian
tour, and Barrett had been extreme-
ly kind to her. Apart from the let-
ter which was the subject of the
charge, he had never threatened her.
She gave him the other sums
voluntarily to assist him in business
as he had been kind to her in India.
She had found him most honourable
and trustworthy apart from that one
instance.

Mr. Peregrine said the prisoner
wished to express the utmost peni-
tence for what he had done, and to
say there was not a shadow of
foundation for making any reflection
upon Mrs. Taylor's character.

Barrett, from the dock, said he
was not a criminal, and the more he
thought of what he had done the
more he was utterly ashamed of him-
self. "I wish to express my regret
to Mrs. Taylor," he added, "who
has always been a woman of splen-
did character, and I cannot under-
stand what made me embark on
such a foolish scheme. I plead with
you to give me another chance to
make good the wrong I have done."

Passing a sentence of four years'
penal servitude, the Recorder
described Barrett as "a callous,
cold-hearted blackmailer in cir-
cumstances of peculiar aggravation."
It was clear, he said, that
the man deliberately threatened to
ruin the woman's character and re-
putation by telling a wicked and
diabolical lie. "Heaven help her if
she had given way to the horrible
pressure you were bringing to bear
upon her," he went on, "for once
a blackmailer gets his teeth in there
is an end of the matter." This
woman, conscious of her rectitude,
proud of her virtue, strong in her
integrity, went straight to the
police, and almost within the four
days you had given her, a limit
you were faced with a charge of
blackmail."

EVOLUTION TRACED.

DR. SHELLSHEAR'S LECTURE
AT HELENA MAY.

INTELLIGENCE GROWTH.

There was a large attendance at
the Helena May Institute
yesterday evening on the occasion
of a lecture by Dr. J. L. Shellshear
on "The Evolution of Intelligence."

Explaining that intelligence was
composed of three faculties—on the
one side "sensation," on the other
"expression," with a new mechan-
ism which might be termed "inter-
culation," placed between the two.

The lecturer explained that the
development of the power of stat-
ing up sensations without giving
vent to expression was an impor-
tant step in the evolution of man.
In the lower forms of life the recep-
tion of a sensation was followed in-
evitably by expression.

In tracing the evolution of the in-
telligence from the water living
forms to the land living forms, the
lecturer showed lantern slides of
the extraordinary fossil fish, the
Lung fish, which was capable of
living in mud with the presence
of just moisture.

Animals had developed along
different lines owing to the circum-
stances of life. Thus the Vir-
ginian opossum, being a tree-liver,
had retained its primitive five
fingers, which the carnivora had
lost. Similarly the horse had de-
veloped its middle finger for speed,
upon which its safety depended.
Among the tree-livers, too, the
sense of smell loses its importance,
but sight becomes essential, so that
the nose retreats but the eyes come
closer so as to be able to focus.

Apes and Humans.

Hands and tongue were the two
greatest instruments of intelligence,
said Professor Shellshear. Till the
trees were deserted and the fore-
limbs thus emancipated from pro-
gression no real development was
possible. The fact that the apes
were secure in the trees and so did
not free their hands was respon-
sible for their lack of development.
The gorilla was perhaps the nearest
thing to man, but Professor Shell-
shear stressed the fact that man was
not descended from the ape, though
there probably was some common
ancestor of a very primitive type.
One reason for making this state-
ment was that the ape was living
at the same time as man, and there-
fore could not be on his line of
evolution.

With the help of lantern slides
and brain casts Professor Shell-
shear traced the gradual develop-
ment of the brain of the ancestors
of man. He pointed out the first
signs of speech, found in the brain
of the humanoid Pithecanthropus
from Java, and showed the sym-
metry of the brain of the 40,000
year old "Lady of London," which
had led Professor Elliot Smith to
speculate that she was left-handed.

In the development of intelli-
gence sensation without expression
was hopeless, but expression was
the sum total end of all education.
With the lower animal behaviour
was determined, but with the
higher there was possibility of
modification. In the development of
speech, the first step was the re-
petition of some ordinary sound,
conveying an elementary idea, such
as "mummy." Later came syntax,
the combining of words together,
finally forming a vehicle suitable
for conveying intelligent ideas.

By illustrations on the screen
and by demonstration Professor
Shellshear was able to show his
audience what great lengths the
study of the brain had gone.

At the conclusion of the lecture
the Dean, the Very Rev. A. Swann,
thanked the lecturer for his very
interesting address.

JAZZ DENOUNCED.

BRITISH DISCUSSION.

London, Jan. 5.

We must not allow jazz to-day to
pay fat dividends while steel cotton
and wool languish, said Sir Henry
Goward (Conductor of the Sheffield
Musical Union), addressing the In-
corporated Society of Musicians.

"There is a feverish exploitation
of low pleasures by the younger
generation he proceeded. The un-
utterably vulgar Yankee plays,
kinemas, revues, and jazz should
be taboo to white races, as grotes-
que and degrading. The trombone
is made to guffaw like a village
idiot, the silver-tongued trumpet
screaches like a nocturnal tom-cat.
Just fancy the taste of a man who
tolerates the cloudy hooty, out of
tune tone of the saxophone."

There were many defenders of
jazz in the subsequent discussion.
Mr. Arthur Bliss, the composer,
said: "It is a sign of an over-
powerful imagination to conceive
a gigantic blackfellow striding
across the world with a banjo in
one hand and a saxophone in the
other disintegrating the British
Empire."

IRISH FREE STATE.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Dublin, Jan. 5.

The Republican Party has se-
cured the necessary 75,000 signatures
to a petition to Parliament to in-
troduce legislation in accordance with
Article 48 of the Free State Con-
stitution to delete the oath of al-
legiance from the Constitution, re-
placing it by declaration making no
reference to the King.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The treatment of prisoners in
one prison is remarkably humane.
A regular visitor inquired recent-
ly regarding an old offender:—
"What's wrong with Bill? He
seems to have a grievance."
"No wonder," said one of his
mates. "He threatened the ward-
er with a shovel to-day and now
they won't let him go to choir
practice."

Hotel Manager: "I see you
have given our best suite of rooms
to that man Wiggins. Are you
sure he can pay the price?"
Clerk: "Yes, sir; he's immense-
ly wealthy."
"How do you know?"
"Oh, he's old and very ugly,
and his wife is young and very
pretty."

An English tourist was on his
first visit to Niagara Falls, and
a guide was trying to impress him
with their magnificence.

"Grand!" suggested the guide.
The visitor did not seem im-
pressed.

"Millions of gallons a minute!"
explained the guide.

"How many in a day?" asked
the tourist.

"Oh, billions and billions!" an-
swered the guide.

The visitor looked across and
down and up, as if gauging the
flow, and then turned away seem-
ingly unimpressed.

"Runs all night, too, I sup-
pose?" he remarked, nonchalant-
ly.

"Oh, Mr. Cocker," she exclam-
ed, "I'm told you are an expert
on dogs. I do love dogs so. I
have the dearest little pug. His
name is Cupid. The sweetest
little thing, just as fat as he can
be. Now, Mr. Cocker, I want to
ask you just one question. You
will tell me, I know."
"Certainly."
"Is an ocean greyhound any-
thing like a water-spaniel?"

First Stenographer: To-
morrow is my birthday and I'm
going to take the day off.

Second Stenographer: Why
the change?

First: What change?

Second: Well, don't you usually
take a year off?

An advertisement that appeared
in the columns of an Indian paper,
must be among the best examples
of Babu English. Here it is:—
Mahomedman, hair-cutter and
clean-shaver. Gentlemen's throats
cut with very sharp razors, with
great care and skill. No irritating
feeling afterward. A trial solicited.

"Water, has the lady at the next
table paid her bill?"

"Yes, sir."

"Good, then I can make eyes at
her."

Sheriff Jameson, speaking at the
Portobello Working Men's Institute
jubilee meeting, told how a New
South Wales Judge, before exami-
ning an aboriginal as a witness in
his own case, did not put him on
oath, but cautioned him.

The aboriginal answered the
Judge that he knew if he did not
speak the truth that he would go
to a place where he would burn for
a long time.

"And what," continued the Judge,
"will happen if you tell the truth?"

"I will lose my case."

"Does your daughter speak Es-
peranto?"

"I should think so—like a native."

"Oh, John," cried the young wife,
directly she returned home and
found her lesser half, "you really
ought to have come to church with
me this morning. Such a beautiful
sermon. All about dishonesty, and
stealing, and petty meanness. No
one could help feeling better for it.
I do wish you could have heard it."

"Really, my dear," said John, as
he tried to stifle a yawn. "Did you
walk home?"

"No, I took a tram, and oh, John,
I had such a stroke of luck. The
conductor forgot to ask me for my
fare, so I saved twopenny."

Mother (to ultra-modern daugh-
ter)—"I do wish you would come
home a little more often."

Daughter—"Geo, Ma! You're
trying to make a regular pigeon of
me."

The Teacher—"Tommy, you've
not done a stroke of work this
morning, and I've told you again
and again that the devil finds work
for idle hands to do. Now take
your copybook and write that out
twenty times."

There was an amusing incident
at a meeting of the "Easingwold
(Yorks.) District Council. The
Council were considering ap-
plications for the position of clerk
under the new water scheme,
when the Clerk of the Council an-
nounced that one candidate by an
oversight had enclosed with his ap-
plication a postal order for 1s. and
the following note:—"Please put
me in on Blarney. Any coming, 1s.
Byrne and 1s. on Grakle."
The Clerk caused much laughter
by adding that he had looked up the
racing returns, and that the man
had lost. He also lost the post.

DRIVEN OUT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

vision of the treaties pertaining to fiscal autonomy, to be effective on January 1 of next year, in accordance with the action of the Peking Tariff Conference of two years ago.—"Chicago Tribune."

NORTHERN WAR.

Peking, Yesterday.

Chinese military circles here report that simultaneous attacks by Peking Government troops from Tzechow and Tamingfu have forced a general Kuominchun withdrawal on the front line, which is now between Fenglo and Tsinfeng.—Reuter.

[Note: The Kuominchun is the army under the "Christian General," an ally of the Nanking Nationalists, who has advanced to within 300 miles of Peking.]

To Enlist Guerrillas.

How the leading Generals of the Peking Army are preparing to begin a systematic counter-offensive is related in a cable from Chinese sources. It is proposed to enlist in the regular army all bodies of bandits and guerrillas, now under various names, which are roaming North China and causing trouble.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is reported by the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" to have been supplied with arms and munitions.

General Massacre.

Peking, Yesterday.

Mukden messages state that drastic measures have been taken by Peking Government troops against the "Big Sword" bandits. On Feb. 3 troops raided two villages near Tungkuwa, known to be "Big Sword" bases and massacred the entire male population above twelve years of age.

This action has exasperated the "Big Swords" who declare their intention of renewing attacks against Tungkuwa.—Reuter.

"White" Russians Disgruntled.

Tsinanfu, Jan. 19.

The Russian ("White") regiment of the Shantung Tupan is very disgruntled owing to its pay being many months in arrears, and the most recent news is that all the Russians are being shipped back to Harbin from which place they were formerly recruited. These men have borne the brunt of much of the heavy fighting against the Nationalists and their allies and have lost heavily as a result. By losing them the Tupan will be losing part of the backbone of his army, for most of his troops could easily be scattered by fire from a few machine guns.

Tsinanfu is still full of soldiery and the populace is still somewhat apprehensive as to what the next few months may bring forth.—"Shanghai Times."

THE SUBMARINE.

COMMENT ON U.S.A. PROPOSAL.

London, Yesterday.

The "Times" recalls that Britain found no support for her proposal, submitted by Earl Balfour at the Washington Conference, for the abolition of submarines, which is now favoured by the United States, and says that the expectation of general support is equally hopeless at present. France, Japan and Italy vigorously opposed the original proposal. The submarine, in fact, has become the weapon of the poorer Powers and there is, unfortunately, no sign of a change of outlook at present.

French Opinion.

Paris, Yesterday.

"Le Quotidien" says that Mr. Kellogg is wasting his time in making the proposal as the submarine is the only weapon with which countries with small fleets can defend themselves against the menace of powerful aquadrons.—Reuter.

Mr. Kellogg Explains.

Ottawa, Yesterday.

Mr. Kellogg, on arrival on a private visit, interviewed, said apropos the abolition of submarines that the French Press had apparently misunderstood the position of the United States. The latter was prepared to enter a world treaty to attain its object.

The Secretary foreshadowed that treaties outlawing war would be offered to other powers besides France as the existing arbitration treaties expired.—Reuter.

KNOCKED DOWN.

Knocked down in Praya East yesterday afternoon by motor car No. 2161 owned by the Hong Kong Electric Company, an 8-year-old Chinese girl received injuries which necessitated her removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

BOY BITTEN.

A European boy named C. Lindsay was yesterday bitten by a dog owned by Mr. Proven. Both parties live in Havelock Terrace, Kowloon. Young Lindsay was treated by Dr. Durran, whilst the police captured the dog and removed it to Mataukok for observation.

PLEADS GUILTY.

DOLLAR LINE CASHIER AT MANILA.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Manila, Feb. 8.

J. O. Owsley, former cashier-accountant of the Robert Dollar Company in Manila, this morning pleaded guilty to the two estate complaints filed against him in which he was accused of having embezzled the sums of P.10,770.12 and P.3,112.03 belonging to his employer.

Judge Emilio Mapa reserved his decision.

As a cashier of the Robert Dollar Company, the accused received drafts, warrants and money for safe-keeping for his company, the complaints alleged. With abuse of the confidence reposed upon him by his employer, the accused embezzled between January 18 and June 7, 1927, the sums of P.10,770.12 and P.3,112.03, it was also shown.

"PRES. PIERCE."

PASSENGERS ARRIVED AT HONG KONG.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the "President Pierce" included:

Mr. George Bolsius, Consul for Belgium, returning from a trip to Shanghai with Mrs. Bolsius.

Mr. Harry L. Caldwell, for Canton, Lingnan University.

Mr. Y. T. Cheung, manager of the Banking Department of Ka Nam Tong Co., Shanghai.

Mr. F. M. Gensburger, of Gensburger and Weil, gold brokers of Shanghai.

Mr. Hoy Yut-seng, manager of the Wing Wo Medicine Co. of Spokane, Washington, to Canton on business.

Mr. W. D. King, for Tungshan, Canton, the Baptist Mission.

Mr. C. J. Lowe, American Baptist Missionary Society, Canton.

Mr. S. K. Lao, manager of the Foot Ease Hosiery Mills, returning from a trip to Shanghai, accompanied by Mrs. Lao and children.

Mr. R. L. Larson, Chief of Building section of Anderson, Meyer and Co., Shanghai on a trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. H. S. Reed, director of the Red Asiatic Expedition, to Saigon with Mrs. Reed.

Mr. W. S. Sokall, Dollar Steamship Line, Canton returning from a trip to America with Mrs. Sokall.

For Manila.

Mr. E. P. Croker of New York; Mr. F. A. Platten, export manager of the Gold Dust Corporation; Mr. O. E. Nelson, General Oriental Representative, Winchester Repeating Arms Co.; Mr. S. Osmann, member of the Philippine Senate; Mr. R. Palma, President of the University of the Philippines; Mr. R. E. Shaw of the International Banking Corporation, Manila; Lieut. R. S. Stockin, U.S.N.; R. E. Thompson, sales manager, Hupp Motor Car Co.

SOVIET AND JAPAN.

VISCONT GOTO FETED.

London, Jan. 4.

The Riga correspondent of "The Times" states that all the Soviet establishments have been exerting their utmost to favourably impress Viscount Goto who is visiting Moscow. There have been a continuous round of fetes which culminated in a special entertainment given by the Commissary for Education (M. Lunacharsky), at which numerous officials emphasized the common interests of Russia and Japan and said the two countries must tighten the bonds of friendship and co-operation.

Viscount Goto agreed that closer cultural and economic ties were needed, but said that the path was beset with difficulties. He complimented the energetic Soviet leaders who had already accomplished more than was expected, and referred to the plans for rice field concession in the Far East which were now under discussion; also to the credit facilities and other measures necessary for the rapid development of Russo-Japanese trade.

IN A LIONS' CAGE.

A STRANGE MARRIAGE.

Paris, Jan. 5.

Lions were among the guests of the extraordinary wedding of a lion tamer and a circus girl at Montpeller. Mounted cowboys escorted the couple, and the civil and religious ceremonies were carried out to an accompaniment of revolvers.

The benediction was given through the bars of a cage in which were lions and lionesses, the priest and the choir believing in safety first, remaining outside. The animals were lavishly fed at the subsequent banquet.

A casualty occurred on board the "Magato Maru" between Birkenhead and Port Said, reports the master of the vessel concerned to the Harbour Office.

AIR WEAKNESS.

WHERE ENGLAND LAGS BEHIND.

GEN. GROVES COMMENT.

The last report of the Committee of Imperial Defence contains the following momentous statement:—"The most important result of this part of the inquiry was to confirm the vital need for a great increase in our Air Forces which had been established in previous inquiries."

As a result of this Mr. Baldwin announced in July 1923 a new air programme, which was to be carried out with "as little delay as possible."

A number of the Air Staff, who gave a remarkable lecture at the University of London College a few days ago, confirmed "The Daily Mail's" recent statement that the completion of that programme had been postponed for eight years. In other words, "the vital need" has been, and is being, sacrificed to secondary requirements.

The net result is that, although this country is spending about £10,000,000 a month on National Defence, we still lack, and shall continue to lack for eight years, the first essential for national security—adequate defence in the air. This indefensible policy, which amounts to a one-sided limitation of aerial armaments, is being dictated by political considerations. That is clearly indicated in the above-mentioned lecture, which also shows that our weakness in the air is an open invitation to irretrievable disaster.

Commercial Aviation.

Official statistics prove that we have to-day but a fraction of the strength in military aircraft of our nearest neighbour, whose Air Force is the accepted standard of measurement. But aerial strength should not be measured in terms of military aircraft alone, for, as a former Government has stated, commercial aviation is readily convertible to war purposes. Our commercial aviation, highly efficient though it is, is insignificant. We possess to-day a total of but twenty commercial machines, while Germany and France each has many hundreds. Of the 36,636 miles of air routes in operation in Europe, Germany has 14,862, France 8,804, and Great Britain 1,090. Even if we include the Cairo-Basra route Great Britain's total air route mileage amounts to but 2,226.

According to the latest information, Germany's commercial aircraft have flown on an average 60,000 kilometres—i.e., 37,500 miles—daily during the past summer, as against our daily average of 3,170 miles; this includes the Cairo-Basra service.

Germany to-day ranks as a first-class air power. The military significance of her immense commercial air system is proved by the fact that the German War Office and army commands are represented on the Air Council which controls it. If the swing of the political pendulum should again bring the German militarists into power we may have to reckon with the aerial strength of Germany, backed by that of Soviet Russia.

Official Coucism.

It has been argued that numbers of aircraft offer no criterion of comparative national strengths in the air. On the contrary, they offer one of the best criteria available. Obviously an air force, however efficient its ground organization and flying personnel, could be of little use if, at the outbreak of war it lacked sufficient machines. Nor, since the wastage in air warfare is very great, could it keep the air for long if it were not backed by a large aircraft industry. The British aircraft industry, unlike many of its foreign rivals, is almost entirely dependent upon military orders. Hence our small number of military aircraft shows, not merely our actual weakness in the air, but also that we lack even those potentials for aircraft production which are the first essential for air power.

In view of the above considerations, official Coucism in regard to our position in the air is totally unwarranted. It is imperative that we should realize that, despite our desire for peace, the rule of force unfortunately still prevails—witness European and Russian expenditure on armaments. Nor should we forget that of all States in the world we are, for geographical and industrial reasons, the most vulnerable to attack from the air. Hitherto our insular position and naval supremacy have, as in 1914, given us time to prepare. Henceforth the vital time-factor will not be with us but against us.

OFF WITH \$6,727.

Chan Shiu-hing, a shopkeeper of No. 303, Des Voeux Road West, has reported to the police that yesterday afternoon he entrusted a fooki newspaper to a Chinese man, who was carrying a bag of money, and the latter had failed to return to the shop.

A GIRL'S FALL.

A 10-year-old Chinese girl living at No. 18, Stone Nullah Lane, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received through accidentally falling from the first floor verandah of the house.

CINEMA NOTES.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS' NEW PICTURE.

"THE GAUCHO" TO-DAY.

A new picture by Douglas Fairbanks is a movie event of the first importance. Therefore cinema-goers will be keenly interested in "Doug's" latest production, "The Gauchito," a magnificent story of adventure and romance in the wilds of South America, which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "The Gauchito" is full of exciting action with "Doug" performing the kind of stunts for which he is famous. The mountain settings are extremely beautiful and have been filmed with great skill. There is of course a charming love theme in "The Gauchito." Altogether the picture is one that ranks with the star's biggest successes, such as "The Mark of Zorro" and "Don Q," and it cannot fail to give general pleasure. Owing to the length of the picture, screening begins promptly after the overture at the special times, announced in the advertisement.

"THE IRRESISTIBLE LOVER."

Having scored an instant success when screened at the Queen's Theatre for one day only last Sunday week, "The Irresistible Lover" is being screened at all performances in the World Theatre to-day and tomorrow to give cinema-goers a further opportunity of seeing a very amusing film. "The Irresistible Lover" presents Norman Kerry, star of many screen dramas, for the first time as a fully fledged comedian. Kerry is starred with Lois Moran in the picture which was directed by William Beaudine. The supporting cast embraces Gertrude Astor, Myrtle Stedman, Lee Moran, Arthur Lake, Phillips Smalley and a host of others. "The Irresistible Lover" is full of happy little touches and is well worth seeing.

"THE EAGLE."

The chief picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is Rudolph Valentino's romantic comedy drama "The Eagle," the action of which takes place in Russia before the revolution. Rudolph Valentino appears in three distinct guises—first as a Cossack officer wearing the most striking uniforms of his career. Next he is seen as the Eagle, the mysterious bandit, whose exploits thrill all Russia. Then he masquerades as a French tutor and enters the home of his mortal enemy. The picture has more comedy than any other Valentino picture. The background is rich and decorative. Vilma Banky and Louise Dresser are the leading ladies.

EMPIRE DESTINY.

MR. AMERY'S VIEWS.

Victoria (B.C.), Jan. 7.

"The British Empire is the youngest thing in the world, and the most potent. It stands to-day at the dawn of a great new destiny," said the Secretary of State for the Dominions (Mr. F. S. Amery), addressing the Canadian Club to-day. While the last Imperial Conference formally accorded all the nations in the Empire a place of absolute equality, one with another, the future greatness of the Empire does not lie along the lines of separate, individual development.

Mr. Amery declared that the Empire's future was much greater than its past. It must be built upon lines of complete co-operation, both in business and in spirit. He urged that, "We shall develop our methods of co-operation as we go on."

Marvelling at Canada's economic growth he declared that the prosperity of the United States was due to its policy of economic unity. If the same spirit of co-operation were evidenced in the Empire there was no reason why it could not "match, and more than match that of our great neighbour."

POLAND AND LITHUANIA.

Guards Exchange Shots.

Warsaw, Jan. 6.

The tensions of the Polish-Lithuanian border situation was illustrated at the Kragezyn. As a protest against the existing boundary, Lithuanian guards began chopping down the posts. Polish guards fired warningly, after which there was a general exchange of shots in which one Lithuanian was wounded.

Soviet Making Trouble.

Riga, Jan. 6.

The Polish-Lithuanian dispute over the boundary is again causing uneasiness. Lithuanian semi-official newspapers allege that Poland is still supporting conspiracies by Lithuanian exiles in the Soviet. The Soviet is spreading inflammatory anti-Polish reports and making military preparations.

LONDON TO NEW YORK.

Wireless Telephone.

London, Jan. 6.

Although wireless telephone calls from London to New York cost £15 each for a three-minute conversation, more than 2,000 calls were made in the first year's working of the system.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day — Barnard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja the Dancer," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

To-day — Star Theatre: "The Eagle."

To-day — World Theatre: "Irresistible Lover."

To-day — Queen's Theatre: "The Gauchito."

February 9-11 — Star Theatre: "The Man Upstairs."

February 9-11 — World Theatre: "Blarney."

February 12-14 — Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights."

February 15-18 — Queen's Theatre: "The Magic Flame."

February 9 — Musicals at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

February 11 — Concert and dance, Elliot Hall, H.K. University, 8 p.m.

February 25 — Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

February 12 — Monthly spoon shoot of No. 2 Platoon (H.K.V.D.C.) Rifle Club, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

February 13, 14, 15, 18 — Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

February 17 — Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Lammerts' Auctions.

February 10 — At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a large and valuable collection of Curios, 2.30 p.m.

February 10 — At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1 — At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

February 8 — Annual meeting of Navy League (Hong Kong Branch), in board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

February 9 — Annual meeting of Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

February 9 — Thirty-ninth meeting of the H.K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 16 — Thirteenth annual meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 18 — Ninth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3.30 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

February 21 — General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

February 25 — Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

Miscellaneous.

February 17 — Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

February 23 — Annual Show of flowers and vegetables at Volunteer Headquarters.

March 1 — Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.87 5/8
Brussels	84.99
Geneva	25.82
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	92.10
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.82
Vienna	84.57 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	23.65
Lisbon	2 5/10
Athens	867 1/2
Bucharest	705
Rio	5 59/64
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/5
Shanghai	2/3
Hong Kong	2/10
Yokohama	1/11 1/6
Silver Spot	20 1/10
Silver Forward	20

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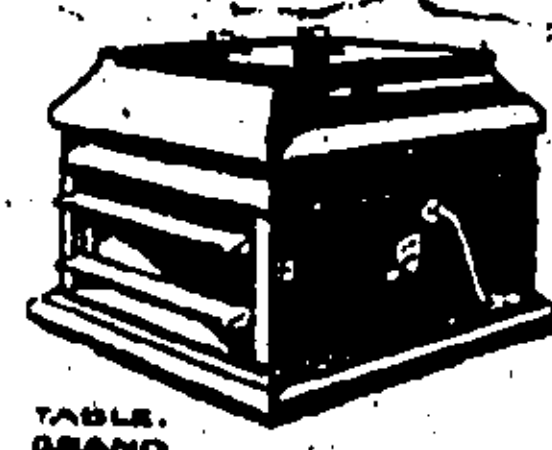
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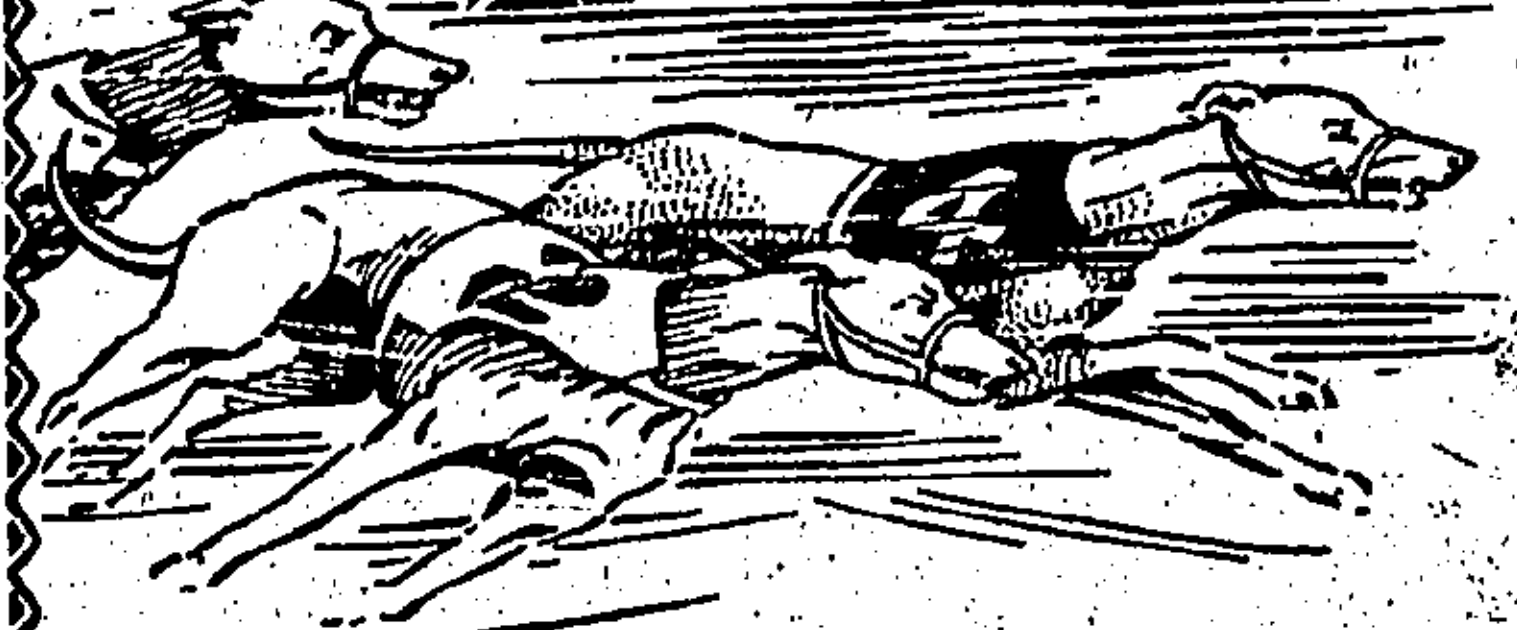
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Dr. R. Gautier, the Director of
the League of Nations Eastern
Bureau, arrived back from India by
the "Talamba".

An ultra-violet ray clinic for
miners and their families has
opened at Sherwood Colliery, Mans-
field, Nottinghamshire.

A general meeting of the Royal
Artillery Association will be held
in the R. E. Theatre, Wellington
Barracks, on February 21.

His Excellency the Governor
Lady Clementi and children, with
Capt. Forster, visited the Queen's
Theatre yesterday to see "Ben
Hur."

Woolwich Borough Council pro-
poses to erect 186 more houses on
the Eltham estate "by direct em-
ployment of labour," at a cost of
£99,840.

Sir Robert Horne has started on
a four-months tour, during which
he will visit Ceylon, Burma,
Australia, New Zealand, and
Canada.



Henrik Shipstead, who will stradi-
dle the Senate's political sea-saw,
Senator Shipstead is in a very po-
werful position, being a Farmer-
Laborite in a Senate composed of
43 Republicans and 47 Democrats.
His one vote will cause an uncom-
fortable tie or a majority, and con-
sequently both parties will cater to
the gentleman from Minnesota.

Foxes raided a poultry house be-
longing to Canon Mangin, Arch-
deacon of Lindsafarne, at Alnwick,
Northumberland, and killed four-
teen cockerels.

The late Commander John
Caunt, of Somerville, Warwick-
Road, Bexhill, of the P. and O.
Steamship Co., left £3,322 (net per-
sonality £7,750).

The late Mr. Thomas Thorburn,
M.V.O., R.N.R., of Eildon Bank,
Melrose, sometime chief engineer
with the P. & O. service, left per-
sonal estate to the value of £5,757.

Whilst workmen were engaged in
erecting the granite war memorial
to Chinese seamen at the Public
Gardens one of the big stone blocks
slipped and crashed into the gates,
doing some damage.

When Mr. V. G. Ezechiel, Magis-
trate, Ipoh, leaves on transfer to
Kuala Lumpur, it is probable that
either Mr. W. J. K. Stark or Mr.
J. L. McFall will succeed him,
says the "Times of Malaya."

A Chinese boy of eight was
seriously injured by being knocked
down by a motor car yesterday
afternoon at about 4.30 while walk-
ing along the Connaught Road
East. He was admitted to the
Government Civil Hospital.

The Hong Kong Horticultural
Society's annual show of flowers
and vegetables will be held at
Volunteer Headquarters on Feb-
ruary 23. Entries close on Mon-
day, February 13. Further particu-
lars are given in the advertising
columns.

At "traffic time" in Mr. W.
Schofield's Court at the Kowloon
Magistracy yesterday, two Euro-
peans were summoned for causing
obstructions at the Star Ferry
wharf by leaving their motor cycles
on the east of the notice hung up
at the end of the stand. The de-
fendants, Mr. C. H. Whitehead and
Mr. H. D. Gansden, were each
fined \$5.

Although not so long as "Ben-
Hur," Douglas Fairbanks' new pic-
ture, "The Gaucho," which begins
a run of five days at the Queen's
Theatre to-day, is longer than the
ordinary film. Special times have
therefore been arranged for the
four performances which will be
given daily. These special times
are 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30, and
the picture begins promptly after
the overture.

Armed robbers carried out a raid
in a lard shop at No. 492, Reclama-
tion Street, Yaumatei, at 3 o'clock
yesterday afternoon, and got away
with \$300 in money. The robbers
entered the shop on the pretext of
making some purchases and sud-
denly produced revolvers, with
which they intimidated the shop-
keeper and his two foks and then
bound and gagged them. The safe
key was taken from the master's
girdle, and the safe was emptied of
its contents. Altogether four rob-
bers took part in the raid.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Legge have
returned to Kuala Lumpur from
India.

Rome, Feb. 6.—Kirski, the new
Soviet ambassador to Italy, has
arrived.—Reuter.

Mr. Albert E. Jackson has relin-
quished the editorship of the
"Morning Advertiser," with which
he has been associated for 44 years.

The Two Peace Memorial
Scholarships to be awarded on the
results of the Matriculation Ex-
amination held in December, 1927,
have been awarded to Messrs. C.
C. Bloom and W. A. Etterley, both
of the Shanghai Public School for
Boys, Shanghai.

Professor and Mrs. K. W. Kwong,
Miss V. F. Harvey, Miss V. C.
Mannett, Colonel W. J. McElhinny
and the Rev. and Mrs. McNeur ar-
rived in Hong Kong by the s.s.
"Tanda" from Manila. The Rev.
Schuele came from Sandakan and
Mr. A. S. M. Anderson from Manila,
on the same ship.

London, Feb. 6.—In the probate
court to-day leave was granted to
presume the death of Princess
Lowenstein Wertheim. The Prin-
cess left England on an Atlantic
flight with Colonel Minchin and
Captain Hamilton last August.
Nothing more was seen of them
after they crossed the Irish Coast.
—British Wireless Service.

The Taipo police received a re-
port of an attempted highway rob-
bery yesterday afternoon. A Chi-
nese woman was walking alone on
the main road between Taipo and
Sheungshui when she was accosted
by a robber. She put up a strug-
gle, and the robber brutally as-
saulted her. In spite of this the
woman continued to fight back and
shout for assistance, and eventual-
ly the ruffian gave up his attempt to
rob her and decamped without
stealing anything. A pair of ear-
rings which the woman was wear-
ing was stated to be the cause of
the attack on her.

The news comes from Jolo that
the Sultan of Sulu has "pardoned"
his adopted daughter, the Princess
Tarihata, and that she and her sister,
Princess Banne, are now living in
the Sultan's home at Mainburg.
Tarihata has become the Sultan's
tutor in English and says her pupil
is progressing very nicely. He has
already read through the first grade
books, and is now ponderously en-
gaged on those of the second grade.
The Princess Tarihata is looking very
well and appears to be in good
spirits.—"The Mindanao Herald."



Mrs. Carlos Davila, wife of the
new Ambassador from Chile to the
United States.

Mr. W. H. Lee Warner, who,
after acting for some time as Senior
District Officer, Province Wellesley,
was recently appointed District Of-
ficer at Klang, has had a bad break-
down in health and is going home
by the "Antenor." It is doubtful
whether he will be able to return
to Malaya. Mr. Lee Warner, who
is a barrister-at-law, came here in
1903 and as a Cadet worked in Ulu-
Langat, Kuala Lumpur and Serem-
ban. On becoming a Passed Cadet
he served in various capacities, in
Perak until in 1909 he was acting
Private Secretary to the Resident-
General. He went on leave in 1911
and was temporarily attached to the
Colonial Office, after which he be-
came acting British Resident,
Brunei.

Now that Mr. Coolidge is out of
the race for the Presidency, what
will he do when he retires?
"Whittle awhile" in his answer, re-
ferring to the old Yankee habit of
leaving against the barn door and
sluicing pieces of wood with a pocket
knife. He need not Whittle long,
for many big business concerns will
be out to secure the prestige of a
man whose name has become so
completely wrapped up in the popu-
lar mind with the idea of prosperity
and good business. One of his New
England habits will have stood him
in good stead, for he is said to have
saved about sixty thousand rounds
out of his salary of thirteen thousand
pounds a year. It sounds high, but
comes from a part of the country
where they are said to "squeeze a
quarter till the eagle screams."

Mr. G. R. Halton, who retired
from the F.M.S. Police at the end
of last year, has joined the Kamun-
ting Tin Dredging Co.

Inspector Dawson, of the S.S.
Police, has returned to Penang
after eight months' leave and is in
charge of the Central Station.

Dr. R. J. Colbert, Medical Officer,
Ulu Selangor, who was operated on
in the European Hospital Kuala
Lumpur, is progressing favourably.

Mr. T. Green, late of the F.M.S.
Railways, has been appointed Sec-
retary of the New Club, Taiping, in
the place of Mr. Bucknell, who has
resigned.

Major J. M. Mackenzie, Royal
Scots, has assumed duty as Com-
mandant S.S.V.F. and C.S.M. J.
Imm, South Staffords, as Regimen-
tal Sergeant-Major.

Messrs. Seizo Mimura, Takanos-
uke Sasaki and Hiroshi Tanaka
proceeded to New York on Dec. 28
by the Cunard liner "Aquitania,"
sailing from Southampton.



A new snapshot of America's
most famous air man, Col. C. A.
Lindbergh.

The late Captain Alfred Edward
Ansell Baker, of Hill House, Wans-
ford, Peterborough, formerly Cap-
tain in the P. and O. service, left
£7,097 (net personality £6,960).

The Right Rev. G. D. Hill, D.D.,
Vicar of Gools, Rural Dean of
Smith, and formerly Bishop in
Shantung, has been appointed
Rector of Pencombe, Worcester.

Damage estimated at over £100-
000 was done by a fire which de-
stroyed part of the great paper fac-
tories of Drammenselvens Papir-
fabriker, near Drammen, Norway.

The marriage arranged between
Captain Philip Jermy Gwyn and
Miss Elizabeth Tilley, elder daugh-
ter of Sir John Tilley, G.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador to Japan, and
Lady Tilley, took place on Jan. 7,
at Tokyo.

A ceremony in honour of the
centenary of the publication of
Victor Hugo's work, "Cromwell,"
held at the Trocadero, Paris, was
attended by Mr. Rudyard Kipling,
who read a paper in praise of the
great French poet.

Whilst running along the pro-
menade at Cliftonville, Margate,
Harold Harper Burdett, aged
twenty-nine, of Fitzroy Avenue,
Margate, fell over the cliff to the
sand about fifty feet below, and
was killed.

At the Central Magistracy yester-
day afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindell
passed sentence of three months'
hard labour on a Chinese account-
ant of the Shing Cheong Tai firm
of No. 94, Des Voeux West, who
was charged with the embezzle-
ment of \$715.14, the property of
the firm.

Probate has been granted to de-
ceased's mother, younger brother
and widow in respect of the
\$31,600 local estate of Leung Tze-
pun, alias Leung Tze-pun, late of
Tai Lam Village, San Wui district.
Property bequeathed includes Nos.
1, 2, 4, 5 in Ku Lane, 137 Con-
naught Road, West, and 3, Third
Lane. Bequests are of a family
nature.

At the meeting of the Committee
of the Sassa Abhiwirdhi Ward-
hama Society of Selangor, held in
the Buddhist Temple, Kuala Lum-
pur, it was decided to depute Mr.
P. H. Hendry, the well-known
Jeweller, to accompany the recently
appointed Buddhist Mission from
Colombo to Malaya. Mr. Hendry
will leave for Colombo very shortly
and is going at his own expense.

Mr. C. C. Icard, Government
Town Planner, F.M.S., has return-
ed from a "busman's holiday" in
British North Borneo and the Philip-
pines. Mr. Icard was much im-
pressed with what he saw at Baguio
in the Mountain Province of the
Philippines, where the Americans
have created a summer capital, cor-
responding to Simla in India, at an
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ing to 15,000 in the season.

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POINTS FOR THE SHIELD MATCHES.

NORTHBY'S FOUR.

[By "Rover."]

With four senior league soccer matches on Saturday all providing close struggles and exciting play, most of the Clubs engaged tried out sides for the forthcoming Shield matches which start on Saturday next. There were no real surprises, the results generally being to form but there were several interesting features in most of the games.

The big draw was at Sookpoo where a great crowd saw the Chinese Athletic trying very hard to get a goal against a big defence, and a good sporting encounter with both sides extended. The Guards came very near to winning and the re-appearance of Aird has improved the Guards' attack, for the Guards possess good reserves in the defence. Smith is gaining confidence and with workers like Aird and McEwen on either side, despite the absence of Chapman and Morris, the Guards are a very strong team. The usually irresistible Athletic left wing, Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-lu, could not get into their stride against Carwell and Hurst, the Guards' half-back playing in great form. Both teams came very near to scoring on occasions, but the Athletic's marked superiority in previous league matches over their opponents was missing the half-back line, however, playing a strong game with Leung Yuk-long particularly prominent.

On the Club ground, the Borderers' extra little bit of cleverness and combination accounted for a strong Club team and the Regiment won on their merits. The Club experimented owing to probable absences in the near future, and McBride, Watson and Scott at half-back looked good, but the halves from the start never really got a grip of the game and undoubtedly Stewart's virility was missed in the middle line. Bishop, Stewart and Scott changed in the second-half but the Borderers were playing a very strong game, particularly McClinchey and Pte. Alexander on the left wing this pair, playing first-class football, and being possible for both goals, and for and the Regimental side played good football, the Club's only satisfaction being that on that form the Borderers would beat most teams on the league, which augurs well for their Shield chances on Saturday next. The Club wingers Simpson and Taylor caused most danger to the K.O.S.B. defence, and when the inside forwards get a bit more practice, the line will be a good one. As the Club have a bye in the Shield on Saturday next, opportunity will be provided to ring a few changes with a capable lot of players.

The Royal Air Force found their opponents on their new ground, a hustling side who depended on their dash and speed to clear their lines and did not hesitate to kick out when in danger. Vernon was closely watched and not given much chance to shoot as the South China backs played well, but the Air Force were unlucky not to win, as in the finer points of the game they were superior. The Air Force forwards are not so convincing as earlier in the season and on Saturday a little more dash by the wings would have meant goals.

Kowloon received the reward on Saturday of patient trying, and although both sides were not at full strength, a good crowd saw a fine match and many good movements. The versatile McKelvie kept Kowloon very steady, the old Interport player being at the top of his form and showing fine judgment in tight corners. Barclay's and Herdridge's goals were nice ones and each one was scored very quickly from the kick-off in both halves. The Queen's second goal from a penalty was very unpopular as, apparently, the ball had been cleared prior to the alleged foul, but the foul having occurred in the area, Kowloon paid full toll. With four goals to his credit, naturally, Northey received an ovation, but apart from his goals, the Kowloon centre played a rare good game and showed delightful dash throughout. He is a great asset to the Chatham Road club and a very effective forward generally. Richardson and Barclay for the Queen's played good football throughout, and swung the ball about finely, the Queen's playing a fine open game which Kowloon responded to very brightly.

SHANGHAI JOCKEYS HERE.

Three Shanghai jockeys arrived in Hong Kong by the "President Pierce" for the annual race meeting next week. These are Mr. H. Maitland (accompanied by Mrs. Maitland), who will ride for the Dunbar stable; Mr. A. J. P. Heard of Messrs. Jardine's for Messrs. Hayne & Mackie; Mr. V. M. Haimovitch for Mr. Dynasty.

Mr. G. A. Harriman, who has been absent from Hong Kong for a few years, also came down on the same ship and he is to ride for the "Stag" stable.

"TAIL" FAILS.

ENGLAND ALL OUT FOR 282 RUNS.

NUPEN'S GOOD BOWLING.

After a promising start, England's batting in the Fifth and final Test Match in South Africa broke down and the side is all out in the first innings for 282 runs. South Africa made 6 runs without loss before the batsmen were drawn.

According to Reuter, Nupen must have caused most of the damage. He took 5 wickets for 83 runs in the whole innings.

The Trusted Batsmen. England had again to rely on the trusted batsmen. Hammond was dismissed after the tea interval for 66. Earlier in the day Ernest Tyldesley of Lancashire had made a hundred and Sutcliffe of Yorkshire gathered 51.

The sun shone brightly when play began. It will be recalled that the first day (Saturday) was a blank owing to rain. The wicket yesterday was fairly fast. There was only a small attendance at Durban where the match is being played.

Toss "Record." Deane won the toss for the fifth time in succession in this series of five Tests, thus equalling the record held jointly by M. A. Noble of Australia and F. S. Jackson of England.

At the lunch interval, England had run up 92 runs for the loss of one wicket (possibly Holmes's). Then probably came the partnership of Sutcliffe and Tyldesley.

At any rate, the tea interval score was 216 runs for 3 wickets; Sutcliffe and Tyldesley were both out then. England were all out late in the day for 282, Hammond making 63. Then South Africa made 6 runs for no wicket.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S TRIANGULAR MATCH.

TAIKOO'S "DOUBLE."

A triangular match in the Rifle League was shot off at Taikoo range yesterday morning between the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Hong Kong Police Rifle Club and Taikoo Rifle Club, resulting in a double win for Taikoo and a win for the R.A.O.C. Scores follow:—

Taikoo Rifle Club.			
Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Tl.
Grimshaw	23	20	25
Maxwell	30	31	20
M'Indoe	32	32	26
M'Leeman	27	32	30
Summers	20	34	30
Swan	27	33	31
Wallace	22	26	27
Waltusley	28	31	26
Total	218	243	224

Plus 4 per cent. for open sights.

Grand Total 690			
Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Tl.
Major White	24	24	20
S. Dr. Speller	32	24	26
S. Dr. Hall	28	20	25
S. Sgt. Pepper	26	28	24
L. Cpl. Gordon	20	20	27
Pte. Jackson	25	20	21
Pte. Bryant	22	31	27
Cpl. Bendall	20	28	18
Total	166	2238	107

Plus 4 per cent. for open sights.

Grand Total 644			
Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Tl.
Carey	20	20	25
Mackay	26	20	31
Raid	19	20	21
Vitches	21	20	18
Hewarth	17	28	25
May	23	10	26
Darker	22	25	21
Robert	28	24	22
Total	181	199	189

Plus 4 per cent. for open sights.

Grand Total 592			
Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Tl.
Major White	24	24	20
S. Dr. Speller	32	24	26
S. Dr. Hall	28	20	25
S. Sgt. Pepper	26	28	24
L. Cpl. Gordon	20	20	27
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FANLING GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP FOR FEBRUARY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup (qualifying) competition for February was played at Fanling over the week-end. T. D. E. Pender qualified with a score of 74 (handicap-3), equal 71.

Next best scores, with handicaps and net returns, were:—D. J. Gilmore 85-12=73, Capt. H. F. Bingham 78-4=74, F. Taylor 80-16=74, G. Bulmer Johnson 84-8=76, A. E. Lissaman 84-8=76, D. G. M. Bernard 91-14=77, Col. Bostack 84-7=77, R. Young 86-9=77, S. T. Butlin 88-11=77, K. Ewart 92-16=77, R. H. Hollis 88-10=78, T. S. Whyte Smith 87-9=78, D. G. Bruce 88-10=78.

There were 47 entries.

HOME SOCCER.

TWO MATCHES IN THE LEAGUE.

SPURS LOSE IN LONDON.

Two matches in the (Home) Football League were played yesterday, according to a Reuter cable. In division I, the Spurs of Tottenham, on their own ground, lost to Bolton by the odd goal in three. Port Vale received Preston North End in division II and won by two goals to nil.

POINTS OBTAINED.

LEAGUE TABLES REVISED TO DATE.

League tables to date are as follow:—

Division I.									
Everton	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	Goals.	Everton	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	Goals.	Everton	P. W. D. L.
Huddersfield	26	15	4	7	67	43	34	Huddersfield	26
Leicester	23	13	7	8	66	46	38	Leicester	23
Bolton	26	12	5	9	54	40	20	Bolton	26
Newcastle	27	11	8	9	58	53	20	Newcastle	27
Cardiff	28	10	8	8	44	46	28	Cardiff	28
Burnley	27	13	7	12	55	60	28	Burnley	27
Tottenham	27	11	5	11	54	57	27	Tottenham	27
Blackburn	27	9	9	9	39	49	27	Blackburn	27
Liverpool	26	9	8	9	58	51	26	Liverpool	26
Arsenal	26	10	6	9	53	54	26	Arsenal	26
Bury	27	12	2	13	47	52	26	Bury	27
Sunderland	25	9	9	9	47	47	26	Sunderland	25
Derby	26	9	7	10	63	60	26	Derby	26
West Ham	26	11	3	12	56	63	25	West Ham	26
Sheffield U.	27	9	7	11	50	59	25	Sheffield U.	27
Middlesbrough	27	8	11	11	57	59	24	Middlesbrough	27
Aston Villa	26	9	12	49	51	53	23	Aston Villa	26

Manchester									
U.	26	9	5	12	42	50	23		
Birmingham	26	6	11	9	42	53	23		
Portsmouth	26	7	6	13	42	68	20		
Wednesday	26	5	9	12	47	57	19		

Division III. (South)									
Millwall	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	Goals.	Millwall	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	Goals.	Millwall	P. W. D. L.
Millwall	26	18	3	5	31	37	39	Millwall	26
Northants	24	14	4	5	37	40	34	Northants	24
Plymouth	26	14	4	5	37	38	32	Plymouth	26
Exeter	24	11	4	4	34	33	29	Exeter	24
Swindon	21	12	4	5	37	38	29	Swindon	21
Brighton	26	12	5	9	40	40	29	Brighton	26
Queens Park	25	11	6	8	40	32	28	Queens Park	25
Charlton	23	10	4	3	37	38	28	Charlton	23
Newport	25	10	7	8	46	43	27	Newport	25
Crystal Palace	25	9	8	45	40	26	26	Crystal Palace	25
Southend	23	11	2	10	48	44	24	Southend	23
Barnham	25	12	5	10	45	42	24	Barnham	25
Brentford	27	10	3	14	50	56	23	Brentford	27
Gillingham	23	7	9	38	45	21	21	Gillingham	23
Norwich	25	7	12	50	52	20	20	Norwich	25
Coventry	25	8	13	45	55	20	20	Coventry	25
Bristol R.	25	9	2	14	49	62	20	Bristol R.	25
Ristol R.	25	9	2	14	49	62	20	Ristol R.	25
Morley	26	8	12	36	53	17	17	Morley	26
Walsall	26	7	15	37	67	17	17	Walsall	26
Torquay	25	6	12	32	64	18	18	Torquay	25
Watford	25	6	14	42	54	17	17	Watford	25
Luton	24	6	14	55	58	16	16	Luton	24

Division III. (North)									
Bradford	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	Goals.	Bradford	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	Goals.	Bradford	P. W. D. L.
Bradford	27	10	6	2	70	47	44	Bradford	27
Doncaster	27	10	6	2	70	47	44	Doncaster	27
Stockport	25	14	4	7	47	31	32	Stockport	25
Lincoln	27	14	4	9	55	52	32	Lincoln	27
Tranmere	24	12	6	6	57	37	30	Tranmere	24
Wrexham	25	13	3	9	44	36	29	Wrexham	25
Darlington	25	12	4	9	53	37	28	Darlington	25
Hull	26	10	8	8	50	42	28	Hull	26
Hartlepool	27	11	6	12	48	53	27	Hartlepool	27
Bradford C.	26	10	8	54	42	26	26	Bradford C.	26
Southport	25	12	2	11	55	44	26	Southport	25
Rochdale	24	12	1	11	51	52	25	Rochdale	24
Chesterfield	27	8	11	41	54	24	24	Chesterfield	27
New Brighton	26	8	9	42	36	22	22	New Brighton	26
Rotherham	24	8	6	10	41	41	22	Rotherham	24
Durham	27	8	5	14	38	61	21	Durham	27
Crewe	25	6	7	12	49	57	10	Crewe	25
Ashington	27	6	7	14	41	71	19	Ashington	27
Nelson	25	7	3	15	47	77	17	Nelson	25
Wigan	27	6	5	17	30	25	25	Wigan	27
Barrow	27	4	6	17	31	70	14	Barrow	27

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.									
Rangers	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals.	Rangers
Bradford	27	19	4	4	6	62	31	33	Bradford
Barnsley	27	17	4	6	6	77	31	33	Barnsley
Stockport	26	14	4	7	7	47	31	33	Stockport
Lincoln	27	14	4	9	5	55	22	31	Lincoln
Tranmere	24	12	6	6	6	57	37	30	Tranmere
Wrexham	26	13	3	9	5	44	36	28	Wrexham
Darlington	26	12	4	9	5	43	41	27	Darlington
Sheff. Wed.	26	11	8	8	8	41	41	27	Sheff. Wed.
Accrington	26	10	8	8	49	42	26	27	Accrington
Hartlepool	27	11	5	12	48	53	22	27	Hartlepool
Bradford C.	26	8	10	8	54	42	22	27	Bradford C.
Southport	26	12	2	11	55	46	22	27	Southport
Rochdale	24	12	1	11	54	51	22	27	Rochdale
Chesterfield	26	11	11	14	44	51	22	27	Chesterfield
New Brighton	23	8	6	9	42	36	22	27	New Brighton
Rotherham	24	8	6	10	41	41	22	27	Rotherham
Durham	27	8	5	14	38	61	22	27	Durham
Crewe	25	6	7	12	48	57	11	27	Crewe
Ashington	27	6	7	15	47	67	11	27	Ashington
Newcastle	25	7	3	16	47	77	11	27	Newcastle
Wigan	27	5	6	17	30	66	11	27	Wigan
Barrow	27	4	6	17	31	70	11	27	Barrow



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HOME POLITICS.

THE RECENT SESSION IN
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PARTIES AND PERSONS.

During the Session which has just ended the House of Commons, apart from and beneath its legislative activities, has been engaged upon a study of its own status. A period for the recovery of the balance was indeed very necessary. The blow dealt at the sovereignty of Parliament by the general strike was not an impromptu or isolated assault. It was a full-dress offensive, matured over many years and assisted by a "defeatist" Socialist Party within Parliament itself. Its complete and speedy defeat left the victors as amazed as the vanquished were humbled. Since that date all members of Parliament have been adjusting themselves to the fact that the country expects them to be national representatives and not the delegates of interests.

The effect upon both the Conservative and Socialist parties has been profound. It might have been expected that the de facto rejection of the olive branch so impressively tendered by the Prime Minister to the leaders of trade unionism in the first Session of the present Parliament would have weakened the influence of that body of Conservatives whom the serious call Tory Democrats and the factious call Y.M.C.A. Undoubtedly the shock to the ideal upon which he set such store has impaired the personal hold of Mr. Baldwin upon the House. Nevertheless, the spirit which he created among his party has survived and even been strengthened. In precisely that sphere where it is most important, the divorce of politics from industry is an impossible ideal, if it means that the politician should not concern himself with industrial conditions. But, in so far as the phrase embodies the ambition of inducing industrialists, whether employers or employed, to understand that Parliament can do little to promote peace and prosperity without their co-operation, it is an ideal which has been realised. Remarkably little time, therefore, has been wasted in asking Parliament to do that which industry alone can do for itself. There has been noticeable a distinct moral acquiescence in this new conception of the functions of Parliament, notable instances being the collapse of rapid opposition both to the Trade Unions Act and the Unemployment Insurance Act, after a few tentative exhibitions of disorder. It is no exaggeration to say that, at some personal cost, the Prime Minister has established a far healthier political atmosphere within the House of Commons.

On The Government Benches.

Upon his own party the effect has been that the Government majority has never become purely formal. At this stage in a Government's career there are very frequently signs of the disintegration of the "first fine rapture" which follows a General Election. In this Parliament such signs have been singularly few, in spite of the temptation to be disappointed at the slow rate of improvement in the national industry and the national finance. The Government have so obviously been handicapped by causes outside their own control that the tendency to criticism from within has been stifled. The tone of debates has revealed only two really tender spots. The first has been upon the point of economy. The second has been upon the problem of necessitous areas, and the result has been a very interesting vertical division among members, those who represent such areas making common cause against those who do not, quite irrespective of party. In general, however, talented back-benchers have nobly resisted the temptation to advance their personal reputations by peacocking the Government, and they therefore deserve the more consideration from the Government in the future.

Meanwhile it is difficult to single out those who have made or improved their Parliamentary standing. Mr. Buchan, however, has certainly made the House listen to him, whether he has been swimming with the tide, as in the debate on the reform of the House of Lords, or struggling against it, as in the debate on the Revised Prayer-book. Lady Iveagh also made a very impressive debut. Captain Macmillan has preserved his originality, Mr. R. Hudson his courage, and Mr. Herbert Williams his industry. Among Ministers, the two who have most increased their influence are probably Sir Austen Chamberlain and Sir William Joynson-Hicks. The former's speech during the debate on disarmament not only convinced his audience but made it feel that a far wider audience would be convinced. That is just the difference between an ordinary and an extraordinary Parliamentary success. The Home Secretary has had to do most of the things which the Opposition hate most, and yet he commands their respect; while his speech in the Prayer-book debate combined an unsuspected eloquence with an already recognised sincerity. It is significant that both these Ministers are par excellence Parliament men. Their success affords another proof of how greatly respect for the institution of Parliament has advanced in the minds of members themselves. Among the holders of minor offices it is unfair to judge any by performance in Parliament, because the main work of Under-Secretaries must be departmental. Nevertheless, great credit is due to Mr. Bitterton, who

PRESS EXCLUDED.

SHANGHAI POLICE
CRITICISED.

DUND CEREMONY.

Hong Kong is not alone in suffering the indignities of officialdom, as witness the following from last Wednesday's "Shanghai Times":—

Captain E. I. M. Barrett, Commissioner of Police, and Chief Inspector W. E. Fairbairn, who had so much to do with the traffic arrangements at the Dund ceremony upon the departure of General Sir John Duncann, are to be congratulated upon a display of rare judgment, and one which it will probably be hard to explain. Members of the Press, as representatives of the public in its largest sense, were personally excluded from the ceremony by Captain Barrett and Chief Inspector Fairbairn. In excluding the Press, these two police officers probably set a precedent. Considering that newspapers in many parts of the world will in today's paper give considerable space to the departure of General Duncann from Shanghai, it would be hard to believe that local police authorities would take upon themselves the task of ordering pressmen from the ceremony, thereby hindering them in the performance of a duty which has such wide interest both here and abroad, were it not an accomplished fact. For instance the representative of "The Shanghai Times" entered the police and military cordons and succeeded in penetrating a distance down the entrance of the enclosure when he was stopped by a police sub-inspector who asked him to identify himself. Thereupon the sub-inspector approached Captain Barrett and Chief Inspector Fairbairn and inquired if the reporter might be allowed to pass. The answer was an emphatic negative. Chinese photographers and other persons not connected with the Press were permitted to enter. The questions are asked: Upon whose orders were the Press excluded? Why?

TRADE FAIRS.

LIMITATION DISCUSSED.

London, Jan. 5.

The Parliamentary correspondent of "The Times" says that discussions which took place a few days ago between British and French representatives to consider the limitation of the number of international exhibitions, were not intended to interfere with the British Industries Fair, the Leipzig Fair, the Lyons Fair, and other successful fairs, but it was desired to limit exhibitions in which trade and industry are secondary considerations. It is understood that the Governments are fully prepared to participate in the Antwerp Exhibition, in 1930, and the Sydney Exhibition in 1931. It is recognised that Empire Exhibitions are in a different category.

has most capably performed a difficult task, to Sir Kingsley Wood, and to Colonel Headlam.

The Opposition.

The reaction of the events of 1926 upon the Socialists has been even more evident. From the time that their main body was purged of the secret apprehension that the extremists might be right, the latter have steadily lost ground. Deprived of even the most uneasy moral support from their colleagues, they have stood revealed at their true value. Mr. Wheatley, for example, having retired from the front bench in order to be more fiery, has failed ever since to give off any illumination at all, though his speeches are always careful in everything but their ideas. Mr. Maxton has a sense of humour. The blunting of their spear-point has indeed made the Socialist Party even less penetrating, but it has greatly increased the impressiveness of their leaders. Mr. MacDonald has had a better chance to display his capabilities, and his speech on the appointment of the Commission on Indian Reforms was worthy of the head of an alternative Government. Mr. Snowden and Mr. William Graham have both enhanced their reputations as specialists, and Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell's oratory rises above street-corner rhetoric. This success only serves to emphasise the fact that the chief weakness of his party is a lack of budding statesmen and a superfluity of rampant theorists. The Liberals have continued to suffer, as a political force, from the persistence of their party quarrels. A whiff of the controversy about his fund has permeated into the House and still further depreciated the influence of Mr. Lloyd George. The House listens far more readily to Sir John Simon and Mr. Runciman, both of whom they can expect to be at least consistent commentators upon affairs.

The House, as a whole, gives an impression of competence rather than brilliance, which is of good augury for the really hard work which will face it next Session. The process of recovering its balance has at least advanced far enough for all talk about the decline of Parliament to be suspended. The events of the past Session have been so much over-shadowed by the debate on the revised Prayer-book that there is a danger lest the public should judge the House of Commons purely upon that one episode.

MODERN GIRLS.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S NOVEL
VIEWS.

WHAT HE KNOWS.

M. Georges Clemenceau, "The Tiger" of France, knows a great deal about women, he revealed to the United Press in one of his rare interviews, writes Ralph Heinzen.

Although France's wartime premier has refused steadfastly to talk for publication about politics, he found the subject of femininity much to his liking and declared that the modern girl is worse than her grandmother.

"Look at the liberties she takes with her life," the grand old man of France said. "Look at her bobbed hair and short dresses."

"The Tiger" admitted that most of his evidence against modern girls was based on hearsay.

"But I have seen many of the changes which have come over the daughters of Vendee fishing families," he said.

At first the "grand old man" sought to dodge behind his stock phrase: "No I will give you no opinion; you know I have no opinion on anything. And especially at my age I don't dare adventure on a subject so dangerous as women."

Later he warmed up to his subject. Forgetting his self-confessed lack of opinion, he went on:

"I don't see young women frequently but considering what I hear young women of to-day aren't what they used to be in my days."

For example, the beautiful lace bonnets are disappearing despite the fact that they are more attractive than modern hats. What do they wear now? A little felt hat that you can put in your pocket.

"I still remember my father's two housemaids. When I was a youngster they floated from room to room like birds, their starched lace headpiece floating behind them. But to-day it would cost 40 francs just to wash and starch such a contraption."

"You still see a few at Vendee, but there they are worn with the same old time wooden shoes and short peasant skirts merely to attract tourists."

"Oh, I know those Vendee girls." The Vegetable Woman.

M. Clemenceau lifted his brows and searched his room. He smiled and continued:

"You remember Mathilde, that market woman who sells me vegetables and fish at Sables de Olonne?"

"You know, I'm absolutely convinced that she wears a lace bonnet just to keep my trade. She's a frank woman, that Mathilde. She amuses me."

"On my last visit to Vendee, she said 'You look tired M'sieu Clemenceau.'"

"I replied, 'It's probable I am beginning to feel the weight of my wild oats.'"

"Go on," Mathilde told me. "As many as you could sow, they certainly were not as much as I sowed."

"But that didn't prevent Mathilde from marrying," Clemenceau observed.

"The Tiger's" thoughts wander nowadays. Momentarily he forgot all about the modern woman and explained that he was tired of doing his own marketing and arguing about prices.

"So I sent my faithful servant," he said.

"I live as my fancy pleases. But it is right. I have paid dearly for the privilege."

M. Clemenceau's grand-daughter entered the room at this moment and gave "The Tiger" a hug and a kiss.

"So you want a divorce in order to come and marry me," M. Clemenceau said, winking. "All right, I'm free."

He laughed; the grand-daughter said M. Georges Clemenceau had spoken enough. He was wrapped in a blanket and the interview ended.—United Press.

2,000,000 VOTERS.

MORE WOMEN THAN MEN IN
LONDON.

The names of more women than men appear on the registers of electors upon which the general election of London County Councilors will take place next March.

The total electorate, the London Local Government Committee report, numbers 1,949,152, divided as follows:—

Women	977,748
Men	971,404

Majority of women over men 6,344

In 1924 the total electorate was 1,914,915, of whom 960,089 were men, and 954,826 women. At that time men outnumbered the women by 5,263.

In the interval the number of men has increased by 11,315, and the number of women by 22,922. In twenty-six divisions the men outnumber the women, and in thirty-five the women outnumber the men.

PARK MURDER.

GOULTER EXECUTED.

London, Jan. 6.

Sidney Goulter (24), a motor mechanic, who was sentenced to death on December 5 on a charge of having murdered Constance Oliver, a typist, whose body was discovered in Richmond Park early in October, was executed at 8 o'clock this morning.

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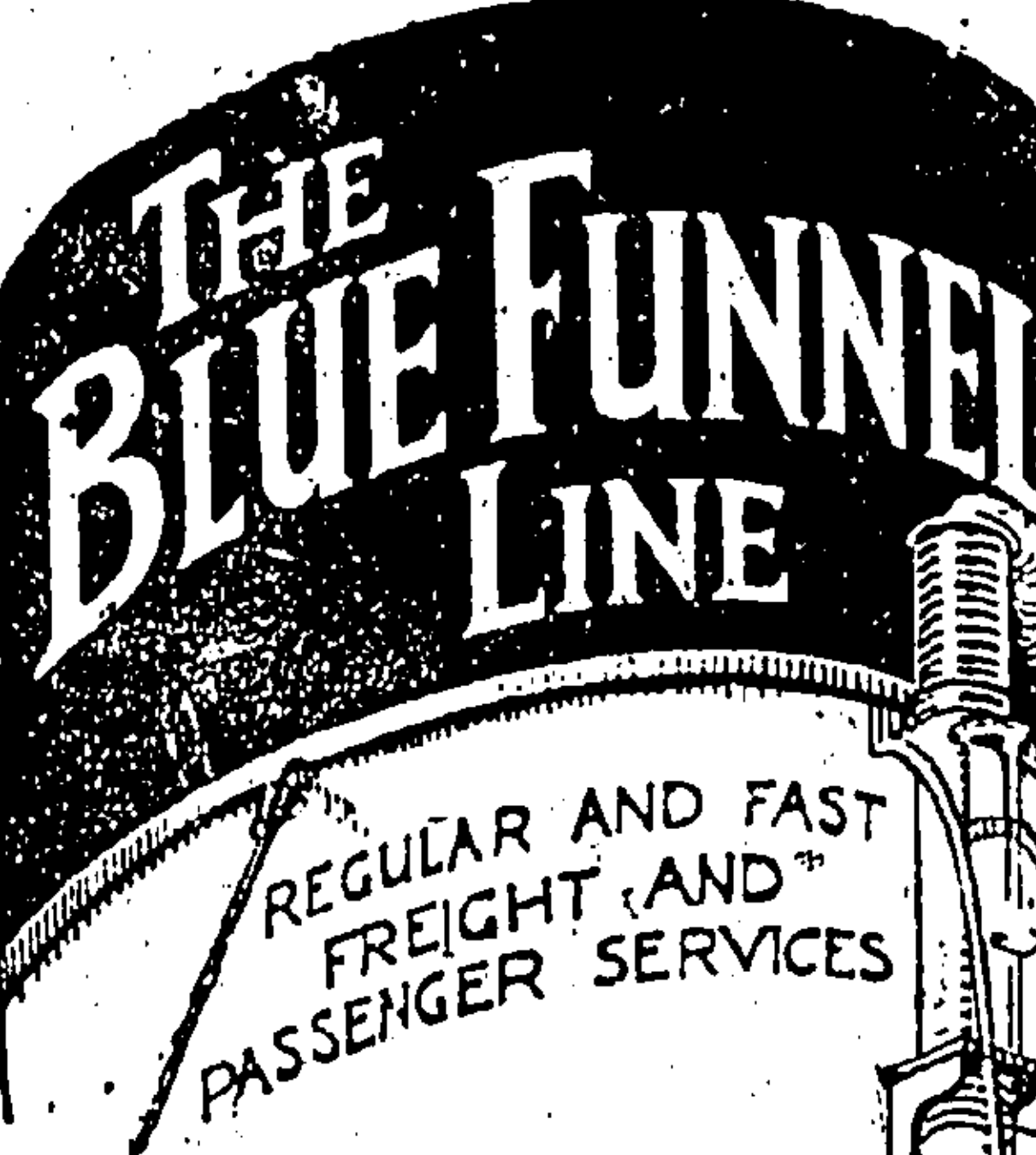
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GOING TO REST.

Earl Haig's Burial Place.

COFFIN ON A CART.

Where The Body Will Lay In Dryburgh Abbey.

London, Yesterday.
Since Saturday morning a continuous stream of mourners has passed the body of Earl Haig in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. When the doors of the Cathedral should have closed yesterday afternoon at five o'clock there was a queue of people four abreast a mile long, and it was decided to keep the Cathedral open until ten o'clock. The public will be admitted again this evening until the same late hour.

To-morrow the Field Marshal's remains will be conveyed to Dryburgh Abbey for burial in the family grave. After a special service in the Cathedral the coffin will be taken on a gun carriage escorted by troops to Waverley station. The troops will consist of two squadrons of the Royal Scots Greys, the 2nd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, with pipe band, and an escort of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers.

As the special train leaves the station with the body, a salute of nineteen one-minute guns will be fired from Edinburgh Castle. When the train arrives at the station near Dryburgh Abbey the body will be transferred to a farm cart and escorted to the Abbey by employees of the late Field Marshal.

The service at the Abbey will be of a non-military character, but at the close pipers of the Cameron Highlanders will play the ancient Scottish dirge, "Flowers of the forest" and buglers will sound the Last Post. Two minutes silence will follow, then the reveille.

The Abbey was once a temple where the Druids worshipped. It has long been a ruin and Earl Haig's body will lie under the green turf which is open to the sky. The position of the grave is by the broken wall of the north transept. Once a year only is a service held in the Abbey and Earl Haig often read the lesson on these occasions. — British Wireless Service.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER PLAN.

London, Yesterday.
This afternoon, at the spring session of the Church Assembly, the rejection of the last Prayer Book measure by the House of Commons will be formally reported and the Assembly will then consider the plan of business for consideration of a new measure as revised by the House of Bishops—British Wireless Service.

Fateful Session.
London, Yesterday.
One of the most fateful and most critical sessions of the Church Assembly began at the Church House, Westminster, to decide on the amended Prayer Book. The Assembly consists of 43 representatives of the House of Bishops, 318 clergy and 352 laity. The public galleries were packed.

The Bishop of Canterbury reported the fate of the original proposals which had been approved by the Assembly last year.—Reuter.

Appeal For Self Restraint.
The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury, and Ipswich said that although he suggested the Prayer Book measure which the Commons had rejected, he was unable to support the amended measure which still contained a reservation of provisions which were certain to be again rejected by the Commons.

Lord Hugh Cecil, who insisted that the Church and not Parliament alone was competent to determine things spiritual was constantly interrupted.

The Archbishop of York appealed to the Assembly to exercise self-restraint.

The three houses of the Assembly to-morrow will separately discuss the measure.—Reuter.

GIFT TO NATION.

Anonymous Donation of £500,000.

TO REDUCE DEBT.

Mr. Winston Churchill Returns Thanks Of Government.

London, Yesterday.
A benefaction officially described as "unprecedented in character," has anonymously been made to the Treasury in the shape of £500,000 to be held in trust for the nation to accumulate over a long period of years and ultimately applied to the reduction of the National Debt.

The donation has been lodged with the bankers, Baring Brothers, through whom Mr. Churchill warmly thanked the benefactor.—Reuter.

"SMALL BONUS."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Sales of Water.
Investments at market value at Dec. 31, 1927, of £152,746, show an appreciation since date of purchase, of £42,316.

During the year we have supplied to shipping, in the harbour 574,000 tons water which compares favourably with 499,000 tons in 1926 and is no far below the company's record of 614,000 tons in 1924. We hope this is a clear indication that trade is returning to the Colony after our misfortunes of 1925 and that we can look forward to the future with confidence.

In spite of increased sales of water our profit on working was approximately the same as the previous year which should satisfy our shipping friends that we have not passed on to them the full increase in the cost of water imposed by the Government early in the year.

No other points appear to need comment from me and I therefore propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Bailey's Congratulations.
Mr. Bailey congratulated the management on the successful working of the company as shown by the chairman's report and the balance sheet. He noticed with satisfaction, said Mr. Bailey, the wide distribution of the company's surplus funds, and the transfer to special repairs account for this year of \$10,000. He had, therefore, much pleasure in seconding the chairman's proposal.

No question was put and the report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised—
Confirmation of invitation to Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. C. de Bruyn to join the consulting committee in the place of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford, respectively, resigned—proposed by Mr. L. S. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. W. E. Van Eps.

Re-election of Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$300—proposed by Mr. J. M. Alves, seconded by Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell. Dividend warrants can be had on application.

STEEL HELMETS.

ANNUAL PARADE IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Four thousand police were turned out to protect 2,000 "Steel Helmets" at their annual parade.

This monarchist and semi-military organisation included two of the ex-Kaiser's sons. Six thousand communists held a counter-demonstration. There were minor clashes and 125 arrests.—Reuter.

years: The Archbishop has served 25 years as Primate. He spoke of Doctor Davidson's single-minded, wise and beneficent rule of the Church and of the admiration, trust and affection which the whole Church had towards him.

The Archbishop of York announced that a committee had been appointed in order that some special personal token might be presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury in this outstanding year in which, incidentally, he would also celebrate his golden wedding.—British Wireless Service.

ROUND THE WORLD.

Ex-Officers' Flying Venture.

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

Attempt To Beat Sir Keith Smith's Record.

Le Bourget, Yesterday.
Newall and Vincent have taken off for Rome.—Reuter.

[The following Reuter telegram, dated London, January 9, gives particulars of the flight:—

Two ex-R.A.F. flying officers, Mr. J. S. Newall and Mr. Neville Vincent, left the Stag Lane Aerodrome, London, this morning on a world flight via France, Italy, Greece, Mesopotamia, India and Singapore, returning to England via China and Russia.

In addition to the pilots, Newall and Vincent, the party which will be using two three-seater aeroplanes, includes a photographer, Mr. Childes, an engineer, Mr. King, and Mrs. Wise Parker, who will be a passenger as far as Cairo. The airmen intend to use the planes between India and Singapore to pick up cargo and passengers for various ports.]

TO AUSTRALIA.

Hinkler's "Solo" Flight.

London, Yesterday.
Weather permitting, Bert Hinkler will take off from Croydon to-day on a solo flight to Australia in 18 days in a 30 horsepower Avro-Avian.

He hopes to cover the journey in 1,000-mile stages. The record is held by Sir Keith Smith, who in 1919 (in a 720 h.p. Vickers-Rolls-Royce biplane), covered the flight in 23 days.

Later,
Weather Causes Delay.
Hinkler has postponed his flight to Australia on account of the weather.—Reuter.

SIR ALAN COBHAM.

The Aerial Survey of Africa.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Alan Cobham, who is engaged in an aerial survey of Africa, and who is accompanied by Lady Cobham and a crew of four, yesterday flew from Mongolia on the Nile over mountains and across Uganda to Lake Victoria. His was the first flying-boat ever to alight on its waters, which are 4,000 feet above sea level.—British Wireless Service.

HOME PARLIAMENT.

THE KING TO OPEN 4th SESSION.

London, Yesterday.
The fourth session of the present Parliament will be opened to-morrow in person by H.M. the King who, with H.M. the Queen, will drive in state from Buckingham Palace accompanied by the Sovereign's Escort of Royal House Guards.

The debate on the Address, in reply to the Speech from the Throne, is expected to engage the attention of the House of Commons until Monday next.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will open the debate for the Opposition to-morrow and will be followed by the Prime Minister.

Newspapers anticipate that Mr. Baldwin will make it plain that the Government will not appeal to the country until late in the spring of next year, the names of newly enfranchised women voters having been added to the remainder.—British Wireless Service.

Queen Indisposed.
London, Yesterday.
It is announced from Buckingham Palace that the Queen has lately been suffering from a cold and it is considered inadvisable that she should attend the State Opening of Parliament to-morrow.—Reuter.

SPLIT IN TWO.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ON SHIP.

Spalato, Yesterday.
A terrific explosion aboard the steamer "Avala," off Sebenico, with a cargo of calcium carbide, caused the ship to split in two and sink in a few minutes.

A stoker was killed and the master and two sailors seriously injured.—Reuter.

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